

Hafa Adai!

# Saipan Tribune

CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Volume XXI, Issue No. 106

FRIDAY MAY 6, 2011

www.saipantribune.com 50¢

Visit us online @  
[www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## OPINION METER

### This week's poll:

With Osama bin Laden dead, should the U.S. government start scaling back its War on Terror?

Let your voice be heard!  
Go to  
[www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)  
to cast your vote.

## INSIDE



### Youth Center

The youth of Precinct 3 have a new hangout: the Garapan Community Development Center.

LOCAL...Page 8



### Charter Day

NMC is inviting the entire CNMI to its Charter Day celebration today.

LOCAL...Page 15



### Twins' Named

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon have picked out the names for their newborn twins.

LIFE & STYLE...Page 36



Three CNMI airports pass FAA recertification. PAGE 3  
Taste of the Marianas kicks off tomorrow. PAGE 18

## Kilili: Obama is sympathetic to CNMI immigration issues



### LUXURY CRUISE

Some of the passengers of the Japan-based *Pacific Venus* brave the rain as they go back to their luxury cruise ship in time for its departure yesterday afternoon, hours after docking at the Port of Saipan in Lower Base Thursday morning. *Pacific Venus* had 276 passengers and 220 crew, said Commonwealth Ports Authority seaport manager MaryAnn Lizama.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

» Workers hope that Congress will heed Interior's 1-year-old recommendations

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
[haidee\\_eugenio@saipantribune.com](mailto:haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com)  
REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan said yesterday that President Barack Obama was "sympathetic" to CNMI immigration issues when the delegate raised with the President concerns about gaps in the federalization law that are putting families at risk.

See KILILI on Page 4

## Sticker shock at the pump

» Gas prices increase to \$4.859 to \$6.60 a gallon

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
[haidee\\_eugenio@saipantribune.com](mailto:haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com)  
REPORTER

Pump prices of gas in the CNMI's three major islands now range between \$4.859 and \$6.60 a gallon, which are some of the highest among U.S. states and territories, especially after another 10-cent hike on Saipan yesterday.

The latest round of price increases from Mobil Oil Marianas at 10am yesterday came barely seven days after another 10-cent increase on April 28 as the crisis in Middle East and North Africa rages on.

News about the death of Osama bin Laden, master-

See GAS on Page 4

## Sichuan Airlines launches 4 weekly flights to Saipan

» Inaugural flight set on May 9

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
[moneth\\_deposa@saipantribune.com](mailto:moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com)  
REPORTER

Charter flights between Guangzhou, China and Saipan will begin next Tuesday, May 10, providing direct service from the major Asian city to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The twice weekly flights will arrive on Saipan on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2:40am. The flights will use Airbus 330 airliners, carrying 236 passengers, and are chartered by Tinian Dynasty Travel and operated by Sichuan Airlines.

See SICHUAN on Page 4

## DUE TO \$3.7M BOND PAYMENT

## Govt wages delayed

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
[haidee\\_eugenio@saipantribune.com](mailto:haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com)  
REPORTER

The Fital administration's latest payment of \$3.7 million for a general obligation bond, on top of the \$250,000 in weekly payments to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., delayed once more the salaries for so-called non-critical government employees today.

This comes after a timely payroll for everyone on Holy Week.

Only critical and federally-funded government personnel will get paid today, although many of them got their paychecks as early as yesterday.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that non-critical service personnel payroll "is expected next week Wednesday."

See WAGES on Page 4



A Mobil service station's price display in Garapan shows the latest prices of gasoline on island after a 10-cent-a-gallon increase yesterday.  
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

ONLY ON YOUR  
iCONNECT PREPAID  
PHONES

# FREE

## INCOMING CALLS

PLUS

UNLIMITED PUSH-TO-TALK • UNLIMITED NIGHTS & WEEKENDS  
UNLIMITED IN-NETWORK CALLING • UNLIMITED LOCAL TEXT

All of these for only

# \$1/day

## iCONNECT

CUSTOMER SERVICE 888.8888

[iconnectsaipan.com](http://iconnectsaipan.com)

Some conditions apply.



# Local

## Community input sought for broadband mapping in NMI

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

One Economy Corp., a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, hosted a town hall meeting Tuesday

night to obtain community input on its broadband mapping program for the CNMI.

Some 15 community members, including representatives of broadband Internet providers, attended the meeting held at the

Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Funded by a five-year grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the broadband mapping program aims to develop and maintain a

comprehensive, interactive, and searchable nationwide map of existing broadband capability and availability throughout each state or territory.

"Hopefully, with this information, people will be able to make better informed decisions for themselves," Colin Richardson, program manager for One Economy, told *Saipan Tribune*.

Richardson said that One Economy has tied up with the CNMI Department of Commerce, which

oversees broadband Internet on the islands; New America Foundation, a nonprofit public policy institute in Washington, D.C.; and Broadmap, a company that specializes in GIS mapping, to implement the program—a first in the CNMI.

Richardson said the town hall meeting—the first of many meetings they plan to conduct throughout the CNMI—is part of efforts to engage the local community in the project.

"We're holding these community meetings so we can actually figure out what the various providers say is accurate and try to understand what the community's barriers are to adoption," he said.

The program manager said the meetings will be coordinated by CNMI community liaison Thomas Camacho over the next two months, after which they plan to conduct a paper survey and a possible phone survey to collect data and information from island residents that would help in the broadband mapping of the CNMI.

The survey, Richardson noted, will be "totally anonymous"

and "not to be too complicated or too invasive."

Daniel Calarco, director of international programs, said the community's participation in the survey is important because "it's the only way for it to work."

"We can't really do this program without local input. Everything that we do has to be tailored to the community. Without the local input, we can't make a clear broadband plan," he said.

Calarco said they will "try to involve as many people as we can." "We need to build the local capacity to continue this work on after we go."

According to Richardson, they will write a report based on the findings of the survey and present them to the community in future town hall meetings to ensure that it reflects the situation on the islands.

"Our hope is that after these community meetings and after doing the survey, we'll be able to create a blueprint for greater [broadband] adoption so we can figure out how to overcome these various hurdles," he added.

## House honors Manta Band for topping Guam festival

The Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band was honored Wednesday night by the House of Representatives with a resolution praising their exemplary achievement at the 7th Annual Tumon Bay International Music Festival in Guam.

House Resolution 17-44, authored by Rep. Joseph M. Palacios, was presented to the band during the school's PTSA meeting at the campus cafeteria.

The 42-member band was adjudged the festival's champion for three years in a row, bringing home the prestigious Sweepstake Award in the competition for being the "Best in Show." Besides the overall highest award, the band was also a recipient of five gold, 12 silver, and one bronze medals.

The House members also lauded the group's participation in the Tumon Bay International Wind Orchestra, the concluding performance for the event. This ensemble was composed of the most outstanding musicians from each participating school and members were handpicked to be in the invitation-only "honor band" consisting of the very best of the best. Of the nearly 70 members that were selected, over 40 were from the Manta Band.

"The 42-member band, under the guidance of musical director and band conductor William DeWitt, continues to represent the Commonwealth with distinction and honor and such accomplishments should not go unrecognized," said Palacios in his resolution.

The band has been invited to perform at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London as part of the Official Olympic Orchestra. (*Moneth Deposa*)



**New Arrivals!**

Learning Curve™

THOMAS & FRIENDS WOODEN RAILWAY

GARAPAN TEL. 234-8040

REGULAR HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 9pm  
Sun. 10am - 6pm

LOLLIPOPS

*Natural Massage*

**\$20 PER HOUR** 2:00pm to 2:00am

- Shoulder to Waist Body Massage.
- Oil & Foot Massage.

We are located at Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa, Silver Hotel, next to Sashimi House.

**Tel.: 989-8869**

## Value Plans TO FIT ANY BUDGET

**UNLIMITED** local SMS • **UNLIMITED** Nights and Weekends

Value 25			
<b>1</b>	<b>\$25*/month</b>	<b>600</b> local minutes /month	<b>400</b> PTT minutes /month
Value 35			
<b>2</b>	<b>\$35*/month</b>	<b>1200</b> local minutes /month	<b>800</b> PTT minutes /month
Value 45			
<b>3</b>	<b>\$45*/month</b>	<b>2400</b> local minutes /month	<b>UNLIMITED</b> PTT minutes

**plus**

Excess local and PTT minutes rate - 20¢/minute  
Roll over unused minutes to the next month



FOR ALL  
VALUE PLANS



FOR PLANS  
\$50 & UP



GUAM/SAIPAN OFFICE 888.8888

\*Free phone models subject to availability and its replacement is at discretion of management. Subject to 12-month contract. Unlimited Nights and Weekends include PTT and local calls only. Some conditions apply.

**iCONNECT**  
iconnectsaipan.com



# Three CNMI airports pass FAA recertification

## »Saipan airport's runway project is 50 percent complete

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

All three CNMI airports passed the recertification by the Federal Aviation Administration and will continue to receive assistance for various projects and undertakings, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed yesterday that FAA representatives were recently on island for a two-week inspection of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport and the Tinian and Rota international airports.

"The recertification of airports has been completed and

I am happy to say that [the] inspection didn't find any major findings in any of our three airports," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Though there were three to four findings, Deleon Guerrero described these as "superficial" and involve minor concerns such as repainting.

These inspections make sure that airports with operating certificates meet FAA safety requirements. They typically occur every year, but FAA can also make unannounced inspections. In the case of CPA, Deleon Guerrero said the recertification is done each year.

Airports that fail inspections are often sanctioned with admin-

istrative actions. FAA can also impose a financial penalty. In extreme cases, FAA might revoke the airport's certificate or limit the areas of an airport where aircraft can land or takeoff.

### Runway rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of the Saipan airport's main runway—or 7/25 runway—is on track and is scheduled for completion by October 2011, Deleon Guerrero said.

"We're now about 45 to 50 percent complete in the pavement of the runway and we're on track with the schedule. I hope the weather will continue to allow us to work every day so we can meet the deadline," he said. "Every day is a chal-

lenge for the construction... because we need to stop it every time it rains so it is causing some delay."

Guam Pacific Power Corp. Inc. is the project contractor.

The project's contract has been amended to shorten the construction period from 14 months to eight months. The project will cost \$19 million—all funded by the FAA.

## Lower Base firm seeks extension of land lease

The Department of Public Lands supports a private company's request for a 15-year extension to two of its 25-year public land leases in Lower Base.

DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said DPL has reviewed and supports South Pacific Lumber Co.'s request for the 15-year lease extension.

Any lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires legislative approval.

South Pacific Lumber is leasing two separate properties of 3,245 square meters each.

But South Pacific Lumber's two separate 25-year leases won't expire until March 30, 2015 and Nov. 30, 2015.

The DPL secretary, in a letter to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), listed the economic benefits of extending the 25-year public land lease by 15 years or for a total of 40, including the lessee's continued use and maintenance of the area. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

### BALI FASHIONS Mother's Day Special

Friday to Sunday  
(May 6 - 8, 2011)

Double discount on entire selection of clothing. We also have nice fashion watches, bags, wallets, etc, ideal gifts for your mother.

All major credit cards and govt. checks are accepted. Located on Middle Road • Tel: 233-1190

**Fenny Hair Cut Beauty Parlor**  
Mother's Day Special  
Perm \$25.00 • Color \$20.00 • Steam Oil \$10.00  
UV Gel Nail Sculpture Nails Vitreous Nails **50% OFF**  
Tel: 235-0388 • Open Daily 10:00am - 10:00pm  
Located in Chalan Pao Road beside Holiday Club

## Hana Health Massage Suffering from back pain? We can help!

Oil Body Massage	\$15.00/hour
Foot Massage	\$15.00/hour
Manicure	\$5.00
Foot Spa	\$10.00

### OPERATION:

11:00am to 11:00pm  
(Manicure/Foot Spa)  
11:00am to 2:00am  
(Massage)

1st Floor, MSV Building, Chalan Kanoa • Tel: 285-2010

## LUXURIOUS APARTMENT FOR RENT

### I-PARK APARTMENT

New apartment with fantastic and gorgeous ocean view of Managaha Island. Located on Navy Hill behind Bank of Hawaii in Garapan.

Two bedrooms and three bedrooms  
Five (5) units are available

Serious inquiries only. Please call 287-7615

**Amigo Pizza**  
A new style of pizza  
Fresh • Non-oily • Less salt

**Large Pizza + 8 Toppings \$19.99 ONLY**  
1 Free Coke (1.25L)

BBQ ■ Meat Lovers ■ Combination ■ Super Supreme ■ Vegetables  
**2nd Large Pizza for only \$13.99**

**2 Medium Pizza ■ 1 topping \$19.99 only**

**2 Large Pizza ■ 1 topping \$23.99 only**

**\$6.99** (8 inches - 2 toppings pizza)  
**\$9.99** (Medium - 1 toppings pizza)  
**\$12.99** (Large - 1 toppings pizza)

Get a free coupon for every pizza purchase. Collect 10 coupons and avail a FREE Pizza

**Located in Garapan • Tel: 233-7412**

**New Extended Hours!**

**Now Open All Day Saturday**  
8:00am to 5:00pm

- One-Hour Glasses
- Contacts
- Medical Eye Care
- Surgery & Vision Saving Procedures

Most Insurance Accepted  
Walk-ins welcome

**Marianas Eye Institute**  
"Where Technology Meets Talent"  
www.MarianasEye.com

**235-9090**  
Beach Road, Garapan

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Treat yourself sweet!**

**BUY ONE, GET ONE.**

Buy a large McCafé Caramel Frappé or Smoothie and get the second one **FREE!**  
For limited time only.

**McCafé Wild Berry Smoothie**

**McCafé Strawberry Banana Smoothie**

**McCafé Caramel Frappé**  
(Promo available for Caramel flavor only)



**STORE HOURS:** Chalan Pale Arnold Road: 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM • Garapan Express: OPEN 24 HRS. DAILY (24/7)  
Chalan Pale Arnold Road 235-8577 • Garapan Express 233-8577 • Office Tel. 235-8761 • Fax. 235-8760 • E-mail: mcdonalds@pticom.com



## GAS

From Page 1

mind of the worst terror attacks on U.S. soil on Sept. 11, 2011, didn't ease the price of crude oil, still at over \$110 a barrel. This is coupled by security concerns posed by possible retaliation from terrorist groups to avenge bin Laden's death.

As of early last night, Shell Marianas' pump prices remained unchanged but Mobil and Shell have always mirrored each other's price changes so Saipan motorists expect Shell prices to also increase today or in the next few days.

Yesterday's price increases at Mobil service stations marked the eighth so far this year.

Regular unleaded gasoline is now \$4.859 a gallon on Saipan.

At the beginning of 2011, regular gas was only \$4.129 a gallon. This means Saipan motorists are now paying 73 cents more for regular unleaded gasoline.

Super unleaded gasoline now costs \$5.179 a gallon, way more than the CNMI's minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour.

Diesel on Saipan is now \$5.319 a gallon.

Shirley Ada, a government employee, said the steady increase in gas prices is "sucking up the happiness and fun" from motorists.

"It seems like we're working just to be able to pay for gas and power. Right now, our shopping is limited to food. We are also limiting power use because of the high power bills," Ada told *Saipan Tribune* while pumping \$20 worth of gas into her sister-in-law's vehicle at the Mobil Garapan station yesterday morning.

She called on the government to "do something" and help low-income families cope with the rising gas and utility prices.

Lorenzo "Lolo" Eko, of Dandan, said this latest price increase is an additional burden, especially for families with unemployed parents.

"I am unemployed," the father of three said, adding that his youngest child is only a year old.

But just like any other motorists, the government is not insulated from the series of price increases to hit the CNMI this year.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said just like any other consumer, the government will also have to keep implementing necessary measures to conserve fuel consumption in its daily operations.

"While the increase in fuel prices is a significant burden for both the government and motorists in general, we must remain cognizant that the surging prices are external matters pretty much beyond our local control. So as global prices increase, we must take necessary

steps to continue operating within our limited resources," he said.

Shirino Ngrismau, a Capital Hill resident, was surprised to learn that gas prices increased again yesterday.

"My budget is going down very fast," he said.

He paid for \$29 gas, which was supposed to be for six gallons. But because he didn't know about the 10-cent increase until after he had already paid, his \$29 was enough only for 5.968 gallons of gas.

"I am a retiree. I only rely on my retirement benefit so this [price increase] will hurt me more," he added.

### Higher than US prices

Across U.S. states, average gas price was \$3.958 a gallon, with the state of Hawaii having the highest at \$4.523 a gallon and Wyoming with the lowest at \$3.602 a gallon.

Guam's regular gas also increased by 10 cents yesterday, at \$4.729 a gallon, which is still lower than the price on Saipan at \$4.859 a gallon.

High shipping and distribution costs to islands like the CNMI, which has a limited market, make the pump prices here much higher than those in bigger territories and states.

But if it's any consolation, Saipan's gas prices are still lower than what their counterparts on Rota and Tinian are currently paying.

Based on a survey of gas prices yes-

terday afternoon, Tinian's regular gas is now \$5.609 a gallon to \$5.709 a gallon, depending on which of the two retailers motorists go to.

On Rota, regular gas is now \$5.70 a

gallon, while diesel is now \$6.60 a gallon.

These Rota and Tinian prices are expected to further increase, following yesterday's price changes on Saipan.

## WAGES

From Page 1

"This is due to a combination of cash shortage and a recent bond payment that the government had to make," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the \$3.7 million payment is for the general obligation bond.

"Also, the government continues to remit utility payments of \$250,000 on a weekly basis in good faith efforts to pay down its bills," he added.

Some government employees interviewed yesterday wished that the economy will start improving so they would be able to make ends meet.

They said the government's 16-hour work cuts and delayed payroll are adding to the burden of steadily increasing gas prices, power bills, and food prices.

Since June 2010, the government

has been delayed in the issuance of paychecks for so-called non-critical employees at least 13 times.

The government needs some \$4 million every payroll. Because of limited government collection from taxes and fees, however, only critical government employees—doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers—have been receiving their paychecks on time. Also receiving their paychecks timely are federally funded employees and those at the Public School System.

Most of those receiving delayed wages are also subject to a 16-hour cut biweekly as part of the administration's cost cutting measures.

The fiscal year 2011 projected budget is only \$102 million, down from the current revised budget of \$122 million, which is far below the over \$200 million in annual budget just a few years back.

## SICHUAN

From Page 1

In addition, Sichuan Airlines will also operate twice weekly service to Saipan with an Airbus-330 aircraft from Shanghai Pudong Airport beginning Monday, May 9.

These flights are jointly chartered by Tinian Dynasty Travel and Century Tours.

The Shanghai flights will arrive on Mondays and Fridays at 5am and the first four flights are already completely sold out. These flights are in addition to the current twice weekly flights operated from that city by China Eastern Airlines.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero quoted Sichuan officials as saying it is the company's plan to become one of the Commonwealth's signatory airlines in coming months.

"Right now, we consider the company as a charter airline and they intend to become a signatory airline in the Commonwealth," said Deleon Guerrero, adding that Sichuan wants to have a daily regular flight from China soon.

POI Aviation flight operations manager Rommel Monserrat confirmed the airline schedule from May 9 to October 2011. The four weekly flights are slated for Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Monserrat said every Monday and Friday, the charter flight is scheduled to arrive at 5am at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport and scheduled to depart 6:10am on the same day. Passengers for these flights are from Beijing.

Every Tuesday and Saturday, the flight is expected to arrive at 2:40am with a scheduled departure at 4:20am on the same day. Passengers are from Guangzhou.

POI Aviation confirmed that an A330-200 aircraft will be used for these charter flights, with a capacity of 245 seats: 36 for business class and 209 for economy.

Sichuan Airlines Co. Ltd is headquartered on the grounds of Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport in Chengdu, Sichuan in China. It is a regional airline operating mainly

scheduled domestic services. The airline was established in September 1986 and operation started in July 1988 between Chengdu and Guangzhou.

In March this year, Fly Guam started regular flights to Saipan, with the intention to bring in more flights within the year. This brought to three the number of signatory airlines in the CNMI: Asiana Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and Fly Guam.

Last Wednesday, Carlos Santos, managing partner of Micronesia Publishing Co., the mother company of Fly Guam, said the airline will soon launch a Saipan-Japan flight and intends to bring three planes on the ground. It currently flies one airplane with a capacity of 144 passengers. It flies from Saipan to Hong Kong on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

"These two airlines are welcome news for the CNMI. With the situation in Japan, these flights will help augment the lost air seats in the key market," said Deleon Guerrero.

So far this fiscal year, the Northern Marianas has received 19,785 visitors from China. The MVA expects this number to grow significantly as the new flights bring visitors and revenue to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"We look forward to the new flights from Guangzhou in our important emerging market of mainland China," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "It's also important that we support these flights with appropriate promotions in Guangzhou, and we are already working on arrangements for a media [familiarization] tour from that region."

"It is exciting to see air capacity from these major Chinese cities triple in size as a result of these flights," he added.

In announcing the new flights, Tinian Dynasty International Travel chair Michael Kwan thanked U.S. government and Chinese government authorities, CPA, and the MVA for their support and cooperation in making the new services possible. He also announced that discussion is underway with Sichuan Airlines to operate two more weekly flights direct from their home city Chengdu to Saipan in time for the summer school holiday season beginning July 2011. **(With MVA)**

## KILILI

From Page 1

At the same time, worker groups in the CNMI said yesterday they are hoping that Congress will heed the U.S. Department of the Interior's one-year-old recommendations on improved immigration status for foreigners who have been legally in the CNMI for at least five years.

Sablan said he was able to raise CNMI-specific immigration issues to the President during the Congressional Hispanic Caucus's meeting with Obama at the White House on Tuesday to discuss national immigration policy.

"The President was sympathetic; and he agreed to have his White House staff get involved and look more closely at the Marianas issue," Sablan said in a statement yesterday.

He said "anytime the President and his people are thinking about your issues, you are closer to resolving those issues."

"I think that Tuesday's meeting was a step in the right direction," he added.

One of Sablan's pending bills offers a "CNMI-only resident status" for four groups of people to allow them to be able to lawfully remain in the CNMI beyond the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 28, 2011.

"I did have the opportunity to explain to the President that there are gaps in the existing law. This is putting families at risk and threatens long-term residents, who were born in the Marianas or had permanent residence status under Commonwealth law," he added.

Sablan said uncertainties about immigration in the CNMI need to be resolved so that businesses can make investment decisions, families can get on with their lives, and the whole Commonwealth can start moving forward.

Also present at the meeting were

the President's senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, director of the Domestic Policy Council Melody Barnes, Special Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs Cecilia Muñoz, and other senior administration officials.

The president's meeting with the Hispanic Caucus primarily discussed the need for legislative action to reform national immigration policy, Sablan said.

But the CNMI delegate said the Caucus also asked Obama to use all of the administrative tools at his disposal in a humane manner, particularly to protect families and children from what can otherwise be the harsh realities of immigration law.

Rep. Charlie Gonzalez (D-Texas), chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said in a statement that Obama and the Caucus members "agreed that they share the same goal of fixing the broken immigration system through legislative action, and that it is in the best interests of our nation's economic and security needs to do so at the earliest possible opportunity."

### Foreign workers' concerns

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said yesterday he's thankful for Sablan for personally bringing to the president's attention immigration concerns in the CNMI.

Syed, at the same time, said Obama could use his administrative powers to allow foreign workers not covered in Sablan's bill to remain in the CNMI until Congress decides on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendations of granting improved status for aliens legally working in the CNMI for at least five years.

"There's only a few months left before Nov. 27, 2011. We are worried that alien people will lose status to remain in the CNMI," Syed told *Saipan Tribune*.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of the

Dekada Movement, echoed Syed's concerns.

He said Sablan's bill, once enacted into law, will cover only four groups of individuals, including parents or immediate relatives of U.S. citizens regardless of the age of the U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, when the federalization law was signed.

But they won't cover foreign workers without immediate U.S. citizen relatives.

Sagana said the CNMI-only transitional worker regulations, when released, will cover only those with employers but not those who have just lost their jobs or will soon lose their jobs after 10 or more years of legal stay in the CNMI.

A 42-year-old salesman who has been in the CNMI for seven years said his work permit expires in July but his employer still could not make a decision whether to renew his contract until the transitional worker regulations are released by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"It's making me worry," said the foreign worker, who asked that his name not be published.

He said his work hours and salary have been cut by 20 hours, from the regular 80 hours to only 60 biweekly because business has been slow.

U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control, set a May 10, 2010, deadline for Interior to submit a report to Congress on the status of alien workers and recommendations on their status.

The Interior submitted such a report and recommendations days before the deadline but a year later, Congress has yet to act on it.

Among the recommendations is conferring U.S. citizenship on alien workers who have been legally in the CNMI for at least five years, permanent residency, or a status similar to those granted to citizens of the Freely Associated States.



# Sentencing of third MHS guard killer postponed

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
ferdie\_deltorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The sentencing of Randy Igisomar, one of three men who bludgeoned to death a security guard at Marianas High School in 2008, was postponed yesterday at his lawyer's request.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Igisomar's counsel, chief public defender Adam Hardwicke, is off-island.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja moved Igisomar's sentencing to May 11, 2011, at 2pm.

The sentencing was originally set for yesterday at 9am. When *Saipan Tribune* arrived in court at 9am, assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher was alone inside. He was holding a sentencing brief. Apparently, Gallagher had just learned "at the last minute" the postponement from a court staff.

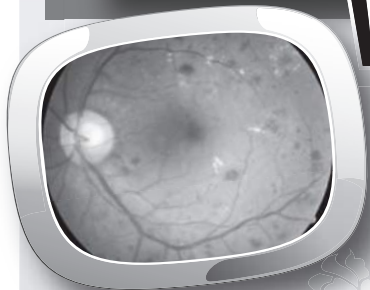
The 18-year-old Igisomar had pleaded guilty to first-de-

gree murder as part of a plea deal. Under the agreement, the maximum sentence is 22 years but the defense can argue for a lower sentence, which can go down to 10 years.

Last Jan. 6, Igisomar's co-defendant, Eric Rabauliman, was sentenced to 26 years in prison, with possibility of parole. The other co-defendant, Edward Blas, was sentenced on Feb. 1 to 24 years in prison, with possibility of parole.

Efren Laguna Ballesteros, 45, was found dead on Nov. 18, 2008, at the MHS campus where he was assigned. His wallet containing \$300 cash was stolen, along with his wristwatch. He left behind a wife and two children.

Police said Igisomar, Rabauliman, and Blas attacked Ballesteros with a piece of wood, a PVC pipe, and a rebar on or about Nov. 17 or 18, 2008. The three then broke into several classrooms at MHS and stole laptops and money.



**W**hether you have an emergency, need a comprehensive eye exam or just have a simple question, we're here to help!

**235-2030**

Yes, we accept your insurance.

All major insurance plans accepted.

## ANDROID 500 PLAN

### 500 Airtime Minutes

- + FREE Long Distance to US (including Alaska & Hawaii)  
Canada, South Korea, Australia, Hong Kong, & China
- + FREE In-Coming Calls from any IT&E CNMI  
Post-Paid Subscriber!
- + FREE Unlimited Local Text Messaging!
- + FREE Unlimited 3G Android Data!

# \$59.00\*



3G MOBILE HOTSPOT SERVICE  
CONNECT UP TO 5 WiFi DEVICES



## Superior Wireless Network on 4 Islands

The **ONLY** Network in the CNMI  
that allows DROID to do what  
DROID DOES

\*Some conditions apply • Must sign up for 2 year agreement • Single Plan ONLY • New Accounts ONLY



Life in Motion

Saipan: 682-4ITE [4483] • Tinian: 433-0210 • Rota: 532-3599 • Guam: 671-922-4ITE [4483] • [www.ite.net](http://www.ite.net)

Restaurant  
& Bar

# Five O



at **CHALAN KANOA BEACH HOTEL**

*Ultimate Tropical Getaway*

**Breakfast & Lunch Special from May 09-13, 2011**

	MONDAY (May 09)	TUESDAY (May 10)	WEDNESDAY (May 11)	THURSDAY (May 12)	FRIDAY (May 13)
<b>BREAKFAST Special for \$6.95</b>	Banana Oatmeal	Cereal & Surprise	"Chicken Phili Sandwich	"Five Q" Sunrise	MBC Omelet
All Breakfast Special comes with Hawaiian Coffee					
<b>LUNCH Special for \$6.95</b>	Baked Stuffed Cabbage Ground Beef	Mabo Tofu Ground Pork	Stuffed Chicken	Pork Steak	Broiled Mahi
All Lunch Special comes with Rice, choice of Soup or Salad of the day and also Tropical Hawaiian Iced Tea					

**For reservation, please call 234-7829**

**Operation Hours-Opens Daily:** Restaurant Breakfast - 7:00am to 10:00am • Lunch- 11:00 am to 2:00pm • Dinner - 6:00pm to 9:30pm

**Weekend Special**

**Breakfast or Lunch**

Minimum of 2 paxs

**Free 1 hour use of**

**Tennis Court,**

**Beach Volley Ball Court**

**then afterward**

**usage of the swimming pool.**

**Happy Hours:**

4 pm - 7 pm (Daily)

**All drinks are 50% OFF**

**with 1 plate FREE Chaser**

We also have Draft Budlight

**Entertainment for Tonight (May 06)**

**Mario & Loreta**



# Saluta found guilty of assault and disturbing the peace

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

After deliberating for two days, a Superior Court jury rendered yesterday a guilty verdict against a man accused of chas-

ing another with a knife.

The six jurors found Noel S. Saluta guilty of one count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, who decided on the misdemeanor offense, found Saluta

guilty of disturbing the peace Wednesday.

Saluta will be sentenced on Aug. 16, 2011.

In an interview after the verdict, the 41-year-old Saluta said he is not satisfied with his coun-

sel, assistant public defender Douglas Hartig, who according to him did not even cross-examine the witnesses.

*Saipan Tribune* went to the Office of the Public Defender yesterday afternoon to obtain Hartig's comments but he had just stepped out from the office.

Assistant attorneys general Benjamin Petersburg and Peter B. Prestley prosecuted the case.

Police said that Saluta assaulted Alejandro Orellano with a knife outside a poker establishment in Finasisu on April 19, 2009. Police reports stated that Saluta had confronted Orellano for staring at him earlier inside the poker establishment.

Saluta denied chasing Orellano with a knife, saying what he had was a silver lighter,

him in connection with the April 2009 assault case in Finasisu.

After 13 days in jail, Saluta's wife Juliet was able to raise \$525 cash for his bail. But as he stepped outside the Department of Corrections on Oct. 5, 2010, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents brought him to their office for investigation of his immigration status. Later that day, ICE released him. A removal case was subsequently filed against Saluta.

Attorney Robert H. Myers Jr. earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that Saluta has a legal status to remain in the CNMI as he has a pending labor case and was awarded \$2,275 in damages.

## Trial of 3 alleged fruit bat poachers begins

The jury trial of three alleged Marianas fruit bat poachers began yesterday in federal court.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John A. Houston was still conducting the jury selection when *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday at 5pm.

On trial are Adrian Mendiola, David Santos, and Albert Taitano.

Ramon Quichocho is coun-

sel for Mendiola, while Michael Dotts is representing Santos. Bruce Berline is counsel for Taitano.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler is prosecuting the case with assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley.

The indictment charged Mendiola with unlawfully possessing a threatened species, and unlawfully transporting, receiving, and acquiring a

taken threatened species.

Santos and Taitano are each charged with unlawfully taking a threatened species.

According to the prosecution, the violations relate to poaching incidents in 2008 when two of the few remaining breeding colonies of the Mariana fruit bats on Rota were decimated by hunters using 12-gauge and .410 shotguns. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

# Mother's Day Special!



**\$30 CREDIT with Phone Purchase!**

*Celebrate Mom with a gift that shows you really care with DOCOMO PACIFIC's elegant phones.*



**BlackBerry® Torch™**  
9800 smartphone

Operating System 6.0  
3.2" Touch Screen  
QWERTY Keyboard  
Optical Trackpad  
4 GB Memory  
5MP Camera  
Video at 24fps

**\$299**



**Samsung Captivate**

Android 2.1  
4" screen  
5 MP Camera  
16GB Memory  
Android Market with over 100K free apps

**\$249**



**LG KG290**

Camera  
Bluetooth  
FM Radio  
MP3 Player  
Speaker

**\$69**

**club red**

Join Today!

**NTT docomo** DOCOMO PACIFIC

**The Choice is Clear**

483-CARE | [www.docomopacific.com](http://www.docomopacific.com)  
Gualo Rai, Middle Road • Mita Travel, Garapan

BlackBerry®, RIM®, Research In Motion® and related trademarks, names and logos are the property of Research In Motion Limited and are registered and/or used in the U.S. and countries around the world. Used under license from Research In Motion Limited. 12 month agreement and minimum voice and data required for Samsung Captivate & BlackBerry Torch. Other conditions apply. Offer valid May 2 - May 21, 2011 or while supplies last. Visit our stores or call 483-CARE for more details.



# PIZZA

**We've Been Making Pizza On Saipan Since 1989**

**Buy a Large - Get a FREE Medium (single topping) No Limit**

**Try Our Delicious Burgers - Reubens - Chicken & Salads**

Beach Road - Garapan  
**234-3976**



## Kevin's Department Store

# Mother's Day Special!

**15% - 50% Discount**

- TOYS AND GIFT ITEMS
- HOME & OFFICE FURNITURES:  
BED, SOFA, DINING SET, CABINET, DRAWER AND MORE.
- FLOWERS  
- MORE THAN 100 CHOICES OF SILK FLOWERS  
FOR ALL OCCASIONS. (WEDDINGS, PARTIES, CHRISTMAS, ETC.)  
- WHOLESALE ORDERS & PERSONAL DESIGNS AVAILABLE
- FABRICS  
CUSTOMIZE CURTAIN, SOFA, SATIN, BAMBOO AND ALUMINUM DRAPES
- CARPET  
VINYL FLOOR TILE, FLOOR MATS AND AREA RUGS
- CUSHION AND MATTRESS FOAM  
ANY SIZES WITH 1", 2" & 4" THICKNESS
- WE BUY USED SOFA (IN CASH)
- WE ALSO DO SOFA UPHOLSTERY
- HOUSES FOR RENT
- HARDWARE:  
G.I. PIPE, CERAMIC TILES & ROOFING TIN
 

ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x14'
ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x16'
ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x18'
ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x20'
ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x22'
ROOF TIN (COMMERCIAL TYPE BLUE)	3'x24'

Come visit our store to see more of our items on display and sample!  
Located beside Post Office in Chalan Kanoa or Call us now at 234-8866 or 287-8866



*Customers First***SUPER FRESH MARKET****May 6-12, 2011****OPEN DAILY**  
(including Sunday)  
**7am to 9pm****SHOP FOR FRESHNESS, QUALITY, & CUSTOMER SERVICE**

# Mother's Day Specials

**MOTHERS DAY CONTEST - WHO HAS THE BEST SHORT ESSAY ON WHY YOUR MOTHER IS SPECIAL TO YOU  
WINNER WILL GET A \$25.00 GC****GROCERY****ASSORTED  
HAMBURGER  
HELPERS***Now Only!*  
**\$3.29** each**ASSORTED  
LANGERS JUICE***Now Only!*  
**\$3.99** each**ASSORTED BETTY  
CROCKER CAKE  
MIXES***Now Only!*  
**\$1.89** each**ASSORTED  
JOHNSONVILLE  
BRAT SAUSAGES***Now Only!*  
**\$5.49** each**WF CORN ON THE COB  
8ea.***Now Only!*  
**\$3.99** each**FOX BROOK WINES****SHIRAZ,  
CHARDONNAY,  
MERLOT,  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON***Now Only!*  
**\$5.99** each**MEAT****TYSON CHICKEN  
LEG QUARTERS  
10KG***Now Only!*  
**\$15.99** per box**CAB  
CHUCK ROAST***Now Only!*  
**\$3.29** per lb.**CAB REGULAR  
GROUND BEEF***Now Only!*  
**\$1.99** per lb.**TIGER  
SHRIMP  
26/30***Now Only!*  
**\$4.79** per pack**CAB BOTTOM  
ROUND ROAST***Now Only!*  
**\$2.99** per lb.**CAB TOP  
ROUND ROAST***Now Only!*  
**\$2.99** per lb.**CAB  
RIBEYE STEAK***Now Only!*  
**\$8.99** per lb.**US PORK  
SPARE RIBS  
3DN***Now Only!*  
**\$2.29** per lb.**BAKERY/DELI****FRENCH  
BREAD***Now Only!*  
**\$1.29** each**SF GLAZED DONUTS***Now Only!*  
**\$0.30** each**SF HOT DOG BUNS***Now Only!*  
**\$1.89** pack**PRODUCE****CANTALOUPE***Now Only!*  
**\$1.29** per lb.**FUJI APPLE***Now Only!*  
**\$1.39** per lb.**PLUMS***Now Only!*  
**\$4.29** per lb.**NECTARINE***Now Only!*  
**\$3.39** per lb.**ROMAINE LETTUCE***Now Only!*  
**\$3.19** per lb.**LOCAL WATERMELON***Now Only!*  
**\$0.79** per lb.**We Accept Food Stamps****WIC Participants  
are welcome!****We offer 5% Discount  
for Senior Citizens  
(on Selected Items Only).****Credit  
Cards  
Accepted****PACIFIC EXPRESS  
Debit Card Service  
is now available in the Store.****WESTERN UNION | yes!**  
money transfer

Available inside the Store.

**Offer good until May 12, 2011 while supplies last****We reserve  
the right to  
limit quantities.****For more info, pls. call  
322-0430**Email: [superfresh@triplejsaipan.com](mailto:superfresh@triplejsaipan.com)**TONY ROMA'S**  
• FAMOUS FOR RIBS •**Ristorante Italiano  
CAPRICCIOSA**

# Dine-In to Win!

**Get as much as  
50% Discount Coupon  
in our Mother's Day raffle draw  
on May 7 & 8, 2011.****\*\* 20% discount on selected menu during Mother's Day.****For reservation, pls. call Tel. 233-9193 (Tony Roma's) or 233-9194 (Capricciosa).**



# Garapan youth dev't center now open

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The youth of Precinct 3 have something to look forward to with the opening of the Garapan Community Development Center.

Located next to the Garapan Basketball Court, the center had its open house and soft opening on May 1, which coincided with the inaugural CNMI Mother's Day Fair.

The Garapan Community Development Center aims to provide a venue for activities such as parenting classes, after-school programs, tutorial services, adult education programs, GED classes, and health prevention programs.

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, who worked with other Precinct 3 representatives and the House of Representatives leadership for the project, said the center will assist and strengthen families in the community.

Ogumoro said the center is a true collaboration between her office, the Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor, 17<sup>th</sup> CNMI Legislature, Carolinian Affairs Office, DLNR-Division of Forestry, and our community partners and service providers, including the Northern Marianas College, PSS-Head Start, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library,



Joe Diaz, second from left, who manages the Garapan Community Development Center, poses with some of the youth who utilize the center Thursday.

IT&E, GPPC, IBPC, Marianas Waterworks Corp., Mr. Factor, Department of Public Works-Operations and Maintenance, DLNR-Parks and Recreation, and the Rollers Basketball Club.

"It's great to have this center where kids can go after school to do their homework, use the Internet, or just hang out," center manager Joe Diaz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Diaz said that members of the Rollers Basketball Club and military personnel worked in March to get the center ready

for its soft opening. The grand opening will be announced soon, he added.

The center can accommodate some 20 individuals at one time and is open to Precinct 3 residents, including those from Garapan, Puerto Rico, Chinatown, Navy Hill, and Gualo Rai.

"But we will assist anybody that comes in if they need our help," Diaz said.

He said the center's location is ideal since it is right next to the Garapan basketball court.

"They can just go to the court

and play basketball and other physical activities," said Diaz, who is also the head coach of the Rollers Basketball Club.

According to Diaz, they are now planning on having summer youth camps for sports like basketball and volleyball as well as other recreational activities such as basket weaving.

Diaz noted that the center will not only benefit the youth of Precinct 3 but also the men, women, and various groups who are looking for a venue to conduct their meetings.

## Suspect in fake credit card wants case brought to Saipan

The federal court has ordered the transfer to Guam of a woman who was arrested last weekend on Saipan for allegedly visiting Guam to buy expensive items using fake credit cards.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John A. Houston on Wednesday afternoon set a status conference for today, Friday, at 3pm in order to discuss Wing Yee Tse's request

to transfer the case to the federal court on Saipan.

Houston remanded Tse into the custody of the U.S. Marshal until further court's order.

Tse, also known as Wing Yen Tse, appeared in court with court-appointed counsel David G. Banes, on Wednesday for a detention hearing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto represented

the U.S. government in the case.

Banes told the court that Tse wished to waive the identity hearing and requested for the transfer of the case as she wanted to answer the charges in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Houston determined that there was a voluntary waiver of the identity hearing by Tse and ordered that she be transferred to the District of Guam for fur-

ther hearings.

The defendant waived the detention hearing.

The indictment charged Tse with two counts of access device fraud and two counts of misuse of immigration document.

According to the indictment, between Sept. 26, 2010, and Sept. 28, 2010, in Guam, Tse used an American Express card purportedly issued in the name of Wing Yen Tse and a Diner's Club credit card purportedly issued in the name of W.Y. Tse.

The defendant allegedly used the cards in obtaining jewelry and other merchandise from, among others, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Cartier, Rolex, and Lin's Jewelry.

Tse allegedly used an American Express credit card purportedly in the name of Wing Yen Tse to obtain Gucci merchandise.

The indictment alleged that Tse lied about not being arrested of any crime so she could obtain a Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Information. The truth is that the defendant was previously convicted in Hong Kong for possession of dangerous drugs.

Police first arrested Tse on Saipan in November 2010 after an alert Louis Vuitton staff at Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan discovered a misuse of credit cards involving the defendant, who had brought expensive items at DFS. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 6, 1999

### HANMI: Delay implementation of compensation act

The Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday asked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to order the Office of the Attorney General to temporarily suspend the promulgation of the draft rules and regulations of the Resident Workers Act pending inclusion of proposed amendments to the new law. According to Ron Sablan, president of HANMI, the delay in the promulgation process of these regulations will enable the government and the legislature to work with the private sector in clarifying certain ambiguities. In a letter to the governor, Sablan said it would be a necessary step in remedying the inequities that the implementation of Public Law 11-74 will create for the resident worker, employers and even non resident worker.

### DPW sees no problem with federal procurement rules

The Department of Public Works has welcomed a proposed legislation that will substitute federal procurement laws to CNMI regulations on local projects partly funded by Washington, saying the agency finds no problem complying with the requirement. In some cases, US procurement process "can be more restrictive than CNMI...", but in general we have no difficulty in complying with federal procurement standards," said Public Works Sec. Juan B. Cepeda in a letter to House committee on Federal and Foreign Relations Committee. The panel is reviewing two Senate bills pending before the House which seek to substitute the current CNMI procurement rules and regulations with that of the US procurement regulations.

May 6, 2002

### CUC fiscal house now in order

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said it has dramatically improved its financial standing, recovering from a \$10-million budget shortfall to a zero-budget deficit this fiscal year. This, as cost cutting continues to be a by-word in all government agencies to weather the economic slowdown in the Commonwealth. The CUC's budget for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 are set for adoption today, as the utility firm's Board of Directors convenes. CUC corporate communications special advisor Pamela Mathis said the firm reduced its spending, although revenue derived from its services also went down.

### Concerns raised over ARFF training facility

The US Environmental Protection Agency has asked the Commonwealth Ports Authority to discuss environmental control measures being instituted by the CNMI's Airport Rescue and Firefighting Unit. The request came in light of the ongoing discussion with the EPA and the Federal Aviation Administration on the approval of the ARFF training facility at the Saipan International Airport. According to Pacific Islands Program Manager for the CNMI Pat Young, the EPA would like to know more on the environmental control measures implemented on past and present activities at the existing training facilities of the CPA-ARFF.

May 6, 2003

### More teeth for OPA investigators

The House of Representatives has endorsed a measure that seeks to arm Office of Public Auditor investigators the same law enforcement powers as their counterparts in the Department of Public Safety and other local and federal law enforcement agencies. The lower house adopted last week Standing Committee Report 13-75, which recommended the passage of House Bill 13-123, authored by Rep. Oscar M. Babauta. The bill proposes a new section to 1 CMC, Division 7, Chapter 4, to give OPA investigative agents authority to obtain and execute search warrants. The House Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations, chaired by Rep. Martin Ada, recognized that OPA investigators conduct similar investigative operations as other local and federal law enforcement agencies sans the protection and benefits offered to the latter.

### NMI mitigation cost estimated at \$1.4M

The initial three-month estimate for the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has been estimated at \$1.42 million and will be maintained at this level until the first ceiling review, which is due in June. According to CNMI Hazard Mitigation Officer Felix M. Sablan, this funding estimate was arrived at after government departments and agencies submitted all their planned projects that are intended to mitigate future hazards in the CNMI such as typhoons. The project list and the funding estimate have been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval.



### SROTC CADETS

Cadets from the Northern Marianas College Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps pose for a photo with MS I Instructor SFC Lipan Welly, center, during the SROTC Dining-In Event, a formal outing that was held at the Guam Hilton Resort this past weekend.

NMC

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to our big daddy, Derek Teregeyo, who is celebrating his special day today! Enjoy your day and we love you. Greetings come from Carla, the kids, and family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy 11th birthday to Ki-Jana Nakia Hocog, who is celebrating her special day today! We hope you enjoy your day and we love you. Greetings come from Mommy, Uncle D, and family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO





CLARISSA V. DAVID

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos mingles with the *man'amko* at the Aging Center after he signed the proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month last April 29. Some of the congregates at the Aging Center in Rota will fly to Saipan next week for the *Man'amko* Annual Ground Golf Tournament on May 13.

## Rota *man'amko* to visit Saipan for golf tourney

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Senior citizens from Saipan and Rota will tee off during the *Man'amko* Annual Ground Golf Tournament next week as part of the Older Americans Month celebration.

Walter Manglona, Aging Office program coordinator, said the Rota congregates will fly to Saipan for the event slated for Friday, May 13, at the Capital Hill Baseball Field.

"Our *man'amko* here on Saipan are already very excited to play golf with their counterparts from Rota," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona said the activity

not only serves as an exercise to keep the congregates healthy and fit but also as an opportunity to develop friendships.

He noted, however, that they do not have just yet the final count of how many *man'amko* from Rota who will be on island to take part in the event.

According to Manglona, the Rota congregates are also looking forward to observing the programs available through the Aging Center for the *man'amko* on Saipan.

"They want to learn about the activities of our congregates that they can put into practice back on Rota," he said.

The program coordinator said he and Aging director

Rose Mondala are in constant communication with the Aging Office on Rota to help organize the trip for their visitors from Rota.

After the tournament, Manglona said the Rota congregates will watch the *man'amko* from Saipan demonstrate their talents during the *Man'amko* Music, Dance & Comedy Show from 7pm to 8pm at the Multi-Purpose Center.

*Royal Thai Massage*  
**Mother's Day Promotion** **\$1500**  
per hour of full body massage  
Monday to Friday • 10am - 5pm  
Open daily 10:00am - 11:00pm • Tel: 234-2521  
1st Floor Saipan Gold Beach Hotel (Beach Road, Garapan)  
Promo valid for ladies only.

### TBK Document Handling

NOTARY PUBLIC,  
TRANSLATION,  
ACCOUNTING SERVICE,  
TAX PREPARATION,  
REAL ESTATE BROKER &  
DOCUMENT HANDLING.

ASSIST TO APPLY:  
ADVANCE PAROLE,  
GREEN CARD & US CITIZEN.

**Tel: 233-2288/287-1328**

Person in Charge: Ta Bun Kuy  
Dollar Days Garapan 2nd Floor  
Across Rainbow Photo Color

**Kee** **OPEN 24-HRS.**  
**Sandwich to go**  
(FOOD COURT OF  
MICRO BEACH HOTEL)  
**lunch special**  
MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
1 CHOICE \$2.50  
2 CHOICES \$4.00  
TRY OUR VIETNAMESE  
SANDWICH & HOME-MADE  
CHEESE HAMBURGER  
**Tel: 233-1388/78/68**  
(Across Hyatt Hotel)

### NEW ARRIVAL OF GENUINE TILES!

ONLY HERE YOU CAN PURCHASE A TILE IN THE SAME ARTISTIC  
DESIGN TO CREATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE BATHROOM!



Our prices will be a pleasant surprise for you!

**ISLAND BATH & CERAMICS**

OPEN: 9:00am - 5:00pm (Mon. - Sat.) • Middle Road (Chalan LauLau) • Tel: (670) 989-0228



*You have dreamt of the best escapade. Let us make it a reality.  
Welcome to the Great Hyatt Getaway.*

EXPLORE THE *calm*, EXPERIENCE THE *warmth* AND INDULGE IN *pleasure*  
AT HYATT REGENCY SAIPAN. EACH PACKAGE OPTION IS DESIGNED  
TO CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST LONGER THAN A LIFETIME.  
HYATT. YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME.

#### Calm

**US\$100 plus tax per night**

- Guestroom accommodation
- Full breakfast at Kili Café and Terrace for 2
- Complimentary access to Club Elan Fitness Centre
- 15% discount on all tropical beverages

#### Warmth

**US\$175 plus tax per night**

- Guestroom accommodation
- Complimentary upgrade to Ocean View room upon availability
- Full breakfast at Kili Café and Terrace for 2
- 30-minute soothing foot reflexology at i Saguá Spa for 2
- Complimentary access to Club Elan Fitness Centre
- 15% discount on all tropical beverages

#### Pleasure

**US\$200 plus tax per night**

- Deluxe Room accommodation
- Full breakfast at Kili Café and Terrace for 2
- 60-minute Swedish Massage at i Saguá Spa for 2
- Complimentary access to Club Elan Fitness Centre
- 15% discount on all tropical beverages
- Complimentary late checkout at 3:00 pm

**HYATT**  
REGENCY  
SAIPAN  
A HYATT RESORT IN THE  
MARIANA ISLANDS  
+1 670 234 1234  
SAIPAN.REGENCY.HYATT.COM

#### Terms and conditions:

Offer valid from April 01, 2011 to July 31, 2011 at Hyatt Regency Saipan. All hotel reservations are subject to availability and must be made in advance. All packages are applicable exclusively to CNMI and Guam residents. ID must be presented upon check-in. Offer may not be combined with other promotional offers. Breakfast buffet for two at Kili Café and Terrace per room per day. Spa inclusion is valid per stay, regardless of the number of nights booked. Rate is per room, per night based on double occupancy, complimentary extra bed on triple occupancy. Maximum occupancy is either 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 12. Additional charges apply to room type upgrades. Additional guests may be subject to additional hotel charges. No refunds for any unused portion of package. Promotional blackout periods may apply due to seasonal periods or special events and normal arrival / departure restrictions apply. Hyatt reserves the right to alter or withdraw this program at any time without notice. The trademarks of Hyatt®, Hyatt Regency and related marks are trademarks of Hyatt Corporation. 2011 Hyatt Corporation. All rights reserved.







**EDITORIAL POLICY**

Letters to the editor must include the name, address, and contact number of the contributor. Letters that are critical in nature should focus on issues, not personalities. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

## Looking to the future

The most common question we are asked these days, by people of every ethnic group and every level of sophistication (including other attorneys) is: "What do you think will happen after Nov. 27, 2011?" We have tried to answer this question, in one way or another, in almost every one of our columns over the last two years. Nevertheless, because the question is so constant and so universal, we will answer it again, together with related questions that continue to come our way.

### What will happen after Nov. 27, 2011?

On that date, all umbrella permits issued by the CNMI government, which have been recognized by the U.S. government as valid work authorizations, will expire. All aliens whose status in the CNMI is based on an umbrella permit will be out of status and subject to "removal," which is the current, polite word for deportation.

### Will there be mass deportations?

We do not foresee mass deportations for several reasons: (1) the Saipan Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") office is very small; there is a limit to how many people they can process for deportation at once. But we expect ICE to be making an effort in steadily scheduling people for removal proceedings. Who is selected and in what order will depend on ICE's internal policies and priorities. Although ICE has made statements to the effect that its priority is removing people with criminal convictions, we are aware of a number of removal proceedings targeting folks who are simply out of status for one reason or another. One example is someone with a student visa who missed her registration deadline for this spring semester, due to verifiable illness: the immigration judge allowed her voluntary departure, which means she can apply to return to the U.S. after six months. Another is the spouse of a local U.S. citizen with several minor U.S. citizen children. Her IR permit renewal was in process at the time of the federal takeover, so she was unable to get an umbrella permit. Her IR application was finally heard and denied recently, more than two years after filing the application. CNMI DOL turned her name over to ICE for removal. She is in proceedings. No crime at all in either case, just bad luck.

One major problem we see is the lack of affordable or free legal services for those seeking to defend and reverse the removal process. We have been trying to find a pro bono immigration advocacy group in the mainland United States but so far without success.

### How can I avoid deportation?

The only way to avoid deportation is to seek and obtain some sort of U.S. immigration status. This may be a green card if you are the immediate relative of a U.S. citizen. If you are the immediate relative of a green card holder, and you come from a country that has a long waiting list for a visa in your category, you may need to make your application and return to your home country to wait for your visa number to come up.

Alternatively, you may qualify for some sort of employment-based visa. A large majority of foreign workers in the CNMI will not qualify for the standard types of employment-based visas used in the mainland USA. The federalization law—CNRA—recognized this and mandated the establishment of the CNMI-only CW classification. This classification will authorize employment, in the CNMI only, of foreign workers who are not otherwise qualified for a U.S. visa. Unfortunately, due to various procedural, legal, and political obstacles, the regulations implementing this status are not yet available. According to the best information we have, CW should be available sometime in June this year. All other types of employment-based visas are available but they require specific qualifications and tend to be quite costly for the employer who must bear the cost of processing. Investment-based visas are also available, including CNMI E-2 for current CNMI investors; we have discussed these in prior columns and will not repeat it in this overview.

### What if I have a pending application on Nov. 28?

We continue to urge clients to act quickly so that their applications can be processed prior to the Nov. 27 deadline. However,

we cannot predict with accuracy the processing time of any specific application. Right now, if everything is in order, and there are no subsequent Requests for Further Evidence ("RFE"), our clients' family-based green card applications are averaging three to four months for USCIS to process. As the number of applications accelerate, as we expect they will, we expect processing times to lag. Applications submitted for CNMI residents are generally adjudicated on Saipan. Interviews are conducted on Saipan. The Saipan ASC office currently has two adjudicators, one on permanent and one on temporary assignment. There is a limit to how many interviews two people can conduct per day, so we do expect processing to slow down.

Processing times for employment-based visas, whether non-immigrant or immigrant applications, vary depending on the type of application and the USCIS office or U.S. Department of State consulate where the processing is done. Processing time for each USCIS field office and each USCIS Service Center are available on the USCIS website, at <http://tinyurl.com/4213p7s>. Information about each consulate and many visa questions can be found on the Department of State website, at <http://tinyurl.com/9h97y>. If you look for information on the Internet, remember that if a web address does not end in ".gov," it is not a U.S. government website; you will need to confirm any information you collect from non-government sources.

Inevitably, there will be many people with applications pending when the final day comes. How will USCIS handle this? We do not know. We hope and expect that some mechanism will be put in place, possibly some sort of parole to allow people to remain in the CNMI while they await the approval of their visa applications, if the wait is not too long.

### Will I be deported if I have parole-in-place?

Parole-in-place will protect you from removal until the expiration date of the parole. If you are a holder of parole-in-place, please be sure to apply for an extension or reissue several months in advance of the expiration date. Parole in place is a temporary status, usually based on humanitarian considerations. It does not provide a basis for the holder to apply for a green card. This is a widely held misconception that has misled numerous people to uselessly spend money on application fees only to be unilaterally denied. To be eligible for a family-based green card you need a qualifying family relationship with a U.S. citizen or a green card holder. Absent such a relationship, you can apply, and USCIS will accept your money, but your application will be denied.

### What if I only become eligible for a green card after Nov. 28, can I stay until I can apply?

There are many people who come to see us who have U.S. citizen children who are not yet 21. Until these children reach that age, they cannot sponsor their parents. What are they to do? We think of this as a sliding scale: the closer your child is to 21 years of age, the greater the likelihood that you may be allowed to stay until you can apply. If your child is within six months of reaching 21, we think the chances are pretty good that USCIS might grant you parole-in-place. If your child is within one year of reaching 21, the chances are less good but it is worth trying. If is over a year, we advise clients to seek an interim form of status, such as CW, to bridge the time between Nov. 28 and the child reaching 21.

### Is it true that our status will be coming out in June?

Unfortunately, that is absolutely not true. There appears to be a common confusion between the CW regulations that are anticipated in June and the continued effort for enhanced immigration status for foreign workers in the CNMI. The result is yet another toxic rumor that keeps people from taking steps to protect their status. The regulations due out in June will implement that mandate of the CRNA for the Department of Homeland Security to create a mechanism that will allow the CNMI to retain its necessary foreign workforce. The summary of the proposed regulations, originally published on Oct. 27, 2009, reads as follows:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is creating a new, temporary, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI)-only transitional worker classification (CW classifica-

## IMMIGRATION FORUM

By **MAYA KARA** and **BRUCE MAILMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



*Maya Kara is a native of Hungary and comes to the practice of law by way of her interest in Asian history. Bruce Mailman is a native of Bakersfield, California and was a private investigator in California prior to becoming a lawyer. Both have lived and practiced law in the CNMI for over 20 years, Maya in government service and Bruce in private practice. They are married and are partners in the law firm of Mailman & Kara, LLC in Garapan, Saipan.*

tion) in accordance with title VII of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA). The transitional worker program is intended to provide for an orderly transition from the CNMI permit system to the U.S. federal system under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA or Act). A CW transitional worker is an alien worker who is ineligible for another classification under the INA and who performs services or labor for an employer in the CNMI. The CNRA imposes a five-year transition period before the INA requirements become fully applicable in the CNMI. The new CW classification will be in effect for the duration of the transition period, unless extended by the Secretary of Labor. The rule also establishes employment authorization incident to CW status.

We anticipate that the final regulation regarding CW classification will be published in June. As soon as the regulations take effect, CNMI employers will be able to petition for CW status for their foreign workers.

The issue of enhanced status for certain foreign workers who have spent a significant period living and working in the CNMI has been debated for over a decade. Various proposals have been made by different persons and groups. The Department of the Interior, as mandated by the CNRA, proposed to the U.S. Congress five alternative options for enhanced status. The U.S. Congress has not responded to the invitation. Most recently, on April 8, 2011, CNMI Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan introduced H.R. 1466 in the U.S. House of Representatives, which would confer CNMI-only status on foreign parents of U.S. citizen children and on other specified small groups. It is encouraging that the Hispanic Caucus has adopted the issue as one of its primary agenda items. However, with a Republican House and less than seven months to go until the deadline, the chances of passage, although not impossible, are slim.

### Won't the Nov. 28 deadline be extended?

The Nov. 28 deadline is set by statute. The statute was enacted by U.S. Congress and can only be changed in the same manner, by congressional action. That means that a bill would have to be introduced and pass both houses of Congress and be signed into law by President Obama. All this in less than seven months and in a political atmosphere that is very hostile to immigrants. This is unlikely to happen. Can something be done administratively? The deadline itself cannot be extended. However, as we have seen with the Chinese and Russian visa waiver and the parole-in-place program, the Department of Homeland Security has broad powers to address emerging problems, and has shown itself willing to do so. We are not aware of any particular plan to mitigate the impact of the upcoming deadline, but we do know that federal policymakers are aware of the issues. Whether any solution will be found or offered remains to be seen.

*The information contained in this column is intended as general information only, and not as individual legal advice. Readers should obtain professional legal advice before taking action with respect to their individual situations. Readers may submit questions regarding federalization or immigration issues to the authors by email to [lexmarianas@pticom.com](mailto:lexmarianas@pticom.com). Readers may also e-mail written questions through the Saipan Tribune at [editor@saipantribune.com](mailto:editor@saipantribune.com).*



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

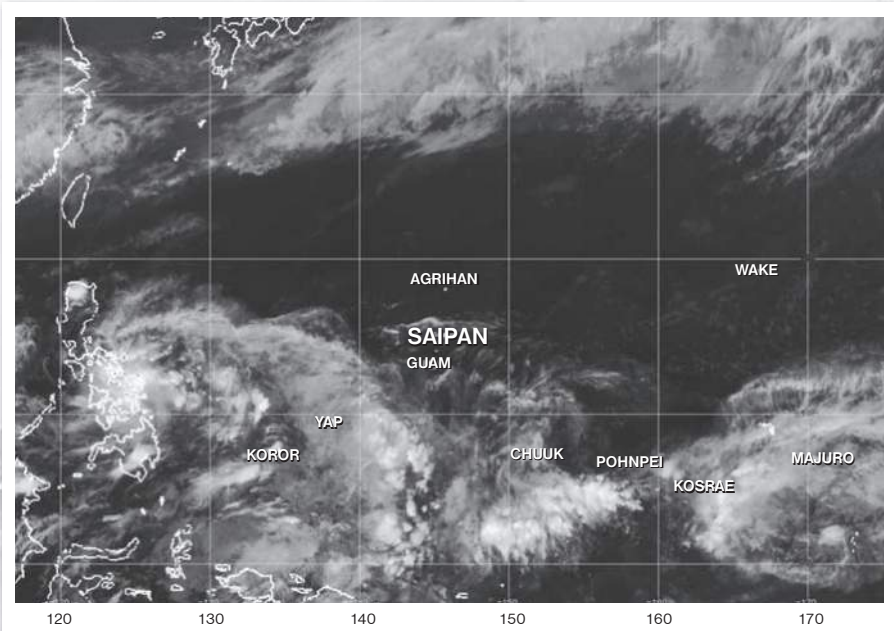
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Rain	▲85 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲83 ▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲86 ▼78

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲67 ▼59
Beijing	Sunny	▲78 ▼55
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼77
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85 ▼73
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲73 ▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93 ▼82
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼72
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼53
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲70 ▼59
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼56
Pusan	Cloudy	▲65 ▼60
Rome	Sunny	▲72 ▼54
Salem	Showers	▲60 ▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼53
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲66 ▼57
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼61
Washington, DC	Showers	▲69 ▼52

Tides		
Saipan Harbor		
3:40 AM	Today	Low Tide: 1.2 Feet
8:26 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet
3:48 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.2 Feet
10:53 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southeastward from 9N130E through a weak circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 2N146E to end at EQ149E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough and circulation are present south of a line from 14N130E to 14N135E to 10N142E to 6N147E. This weather covers a large area that includes the Republic of Palau and most of Yap state. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just southwest of Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 8N147E to 3N153E. Another trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae but south of Kwajalein between 1N and 8N from 160E to 171E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers south-east of Majuro between 1N and 6N from 171E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:52 AM	6:36 PM	Today	7:51 AM	9:12 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM	Saturday	8:44 AM	10:04 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM	Sunday	9:40 AM	10:54 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM	Monday	10:37 AM	11:42 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM	Tuesday	11:33 AM	

## GET YOUR PICTURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED—FOR FREE

The *Saipan Tribune* accepts for FREE publication the following:

- PICTURES**
- ISLAND SNAPSHOTS  
Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
  - BIRTHDAY GREETINGS  
A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
  - BUSINESS  
Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
  - SAMUT SARI  
Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
  - TRAVELOGUE  
Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- COMMUNITY BRIEFS

- Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.
- CAMPUS BULLETIN  
Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.
- REQUIREMENTS**
- For pictures:**
- Photos should be original and not copyrighted. Contributors must have the right to allow the *Saipan Tribune* to publish the pictures.
  - Digital pictures should be high-resolution (minimum of 800kb).
  - Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and phone number.
  - Photos must have been taken in the last two months.
  - For birthday greetings, must be submitted no later than 12 noon of the previous day to make it to next day's edition.
- For announcements:**
- Must have complete details (who, what, where, when), the name of contact person, and a phone number.
  - Must be submitted no later than 12 noon to make it to next day's edition.
- HOW TO SUBMIT**
- E-mail: [editor@saipantribune.com](mailto:editor@saipantribune.com) or [jayvee\\_vallejera@saipantribune.com](mailto:jayvee_vallejera@saipantribune.com).
  - Fax: (670) 235-3740
  - Mail: PMB 34, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, CNMI 96950
  - Drop off: 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan  
To check if contributions are received, call (670) 235-6397, 235-2440, 235-8747
- POLICY**
- The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to accept or reject a contribution for publication; the right to edit all contributions, the date of publication, size of the picture, and page placement; and the right to publish contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats.
  - The *Saipan Tribune* will decide how often community announcements are going to be published.
  - For Travelogue, the *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to choose which pictures to publish.

**NEWS DESK** For news tips, corrections and requests for news coverage, call (670) 235-NEWS (6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: [editor@saipantribune.com](mailto:editor@saipantribune.com). Website:[www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com).

**CUSTOMER SERVICE** For inquiries, purchase of back issues and complaints, call (670) 235-8747, 235-2440, fax 235-3740.

**SUBSCRIPTION** Published Monday to Saturday, *Saipan Tribune* offers door-to-door on-island delivery at an annual rate of \$160. For additional subscription information, call (670) 235-8747 or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

**ADVERTISING** For inquiries contact (670) 235-2769. E-mail: [sales@saipantribune.com](mailto:sales@saipantribune.com)

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 21, 2011

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily, Departs at 6:05am effective June 1	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	DL286	7:45pm	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily, Arrives at 12:45am effective June 1, 2011
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50am	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5 Dec 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 only	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7 Dec 12, 16, 19, 23 & 26 only
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ716/603	12:30am	2:20pm	4, 6 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	8:05am	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:25pm	3 via GUM	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:25pm	5 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM-Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; CA: Air China				ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Rota-Guam			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
				FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
				FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
				FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

## FLY GUAM FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Guam-Saipan	Flight Sector	ETD	ETA	Turn-around Time	Flytime Hrs	Dates
5K389		12:30	13:20	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
Saipan-Guam						
5K382		18:05	18:55	HK	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
Saipan-Hong Kong						
5K168		14:20	17:30	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
Hong Kong-Saipan						
5K169		10:00	17:05	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun
Mar. 28- May 22						
Guam-Saipan						
5K389		13:35	14:25	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
Saipan-Guam						
5K382		18:00	18:50	HKG	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
Saipan-Hong Kong						
5K168		15:25	18:35	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
Hong Kong-Saipan						
5K169		09:55	17:00	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun



# NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Clearing up a few misconceptions on Marpi poles issue

By DAVID G. BANES  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I am writing this as a member of Friends of Marpi, but not as its official spokesperson. I am, however, the lead counsel for plaintiffs in this suit and I do want to correct some misinformation that has made its way to the public.

To begin with, however, I want to thank the following, in no particular order, for their support: the Marianas Visitors Association, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Marianas Triathlon Federations, the Mt. Tapochou Mountain Bicycle Association, the Marianas Islands Nature Alliance, Beautify CNMI, and the over 300 persons who signed the petition against the power poles. If you would like copies of their letters, their views as expressed on their websites, or the petition itself, please let me know. As you can see from this list, our request that the government consider alternatives to installing above ground power poles and to hold public hearings has deep community support, which is a far cry from some detractors who would like to portray those who have expressed these concerns to be a small, rabid group of anti-development "outsiders" who can be written off with a roll of the eyes.

The concerns expressed by these different groups and individuals are not only for the environment but also for how the project will affect the quality of life here on Saipan for its residents, and

critically given these hard-pressed economic times, the CNMI's bread-and-butter, tourism. As Judge Govendo remarked during the recent hearing, this may be the first time that such groups as the Hotel Association, MVA, and the Saipan Chamber have together raised concerns about a development project. Hence, the concerns expressed by all of these groups and individuals about the power poles should not be dismissed lightly.

Similarly, to the charge that this is somehow a mainlander vs. local issue, I refer those skeptics to the petition and note the following family names appear on it:

Ada (2), Aldan, Apatang, Atalig, Benavente, Borja, Calvo (2), Camacho (6), Celis, Chargualaf, Dela Cruz (3), Deleon Guerrero (2), Demapan, Duenas, Fejeran (2), Flores, Hofschneider (4), Kaipat, Limes, Litulumar (2), Lizama, Mendiola (3), Muna, Olopai, Palacios, Rangamar, Reyes, Rosario, Sablan (8), Sanchez, Santos (3), Seman, Songsong, Taitano, Tenorio (2), Torres (2), Villagomez (3).

Next, to those who claim that the recent public hearings before Judge Govendo were one-sided, and that they were denied their right to appear and testify in court, well, it was a *public* hearing which lasted two days with an intervening weekend and was well publicized by of the CNMI's media. In addition, the government had more than 10 days to prepare and find witnesses. Indeed, on Friday at the close of business, the government said it may present witnesses to testify on Monday. On that following Monday, none did. But the government certainly had the oppor-

tunity to put on witnesses. That it chose not to do so is not the fault of plaintiffs or the court.

As to those who charge that the lawsuit will deprive landowners of power, let's be very clear about this. The power pole project is 100 percent funded by the *federal* government. More to the point, the stated purpose of the project is very limited: to supply power to the one new cemetery (the veteran's cemetery has its own water and power supply, namely a standalone generator).

Also, what is not well known is that a large section of the Marpi area has been designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark Area—the highest designation available. The people of the CNMI should be proud that the U.S. government has recognized a portion of these beautiful islands as worthy of such a mark of distinction. Importantly, the power poles intrude directly into and onto the National Historic Landmark area of Marpi. Hence our concerns about preserving the historical, cultural, and scenic integrity of this area.

Given that very limited purpose of the power pole project, we raised with the government, before filing a lawsuit, our similarly limited concerns: given the small amount of power needed to power a few light bulbs and a water pump, why put up power poles, which intrude visibly on the natural beauty of the Marpi cliffs? Why not instead consider any of the following alternatives: a standalone generator, a portable generator, underground power, solar or wind power etc.? (Coincidentally, I note that in

See **CLEARING** on Next Page

## Special Mother's Day Celebration

MAY 8, 2011 • 11:00AM - 2:00PM

### Mother's Day Brunch at

\$22.00

Selection of Authentic Asian Cuisine  
Sushi, Sashimi, Tempura, Lechon,  
Roast Beef, and Glaced Ham Leg  
**AND MORE!**

Free flow of draft beer, champagne,  
wine, juice and ice tea.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF

# WHIMSY

OFFERS

**FREE PLAY & MEET Whimsy himself**  
with our sumptuous Mother's Day Brunch  
**FREE SWIMMING POOL PASS**

**LOTS OF GAMES & WIN exciting prizes!!!**  
**DAD & CHILD make your own Mother's Day card**  
**COLORING CONTEST and MORE...**

**Special Local Discount 10% OFF**  
**Child 5 - 11 yrs old 50% OFF**  
**Senior Citizen Discount 20% OFF**

**Special Mother's Day Get Away for two \$90.00**

**Tax inclusive**  
**(Overnight Stay with Mother's Day Brunch)**

Another exciting offer from the grand!

For reservation please call 234 6601 or 235 6616



**Saipan Grand Hotel**  
A TanHoldings Company



## CERTIFIED Used Cars

DEALS OF THE WEEK



2004 Nissan Altima 2.5S  
STOCK # 4C194129

**\$9,995<sup>00</sup>**



2006 Mazda Speed 6 AWD  
STOCK # 61107898

**\$18,995<sup>00</sup>**



2008 Nissan Quest S  
STOCK # 8N111101

**\$19,995<sup>00</sup>**



2006 Honda Civic  
STOCK # 6L010224

**\$11,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2005 Ford Five Hundred SE  
STOCK # 5G156167

**\$11,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2005 Ford Five Hundred SEL  
STOCK # 5G103486

**\$12,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2006 Nissan Sentra SE  
STOCK # 6L514169

**\$11,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2007 Kia Sportage LX 2WD  
STOCK # 77353764

**\$13,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2004 Honda Accord LX  
STOCK # 4L024265

**\$13,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2007 Ford Fusion SEL  
STOCK # 7R100604

**\$15,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2004 Nissan Pathfinder SE 4WD  
STOCK # 4W915451

**\$14,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2005 Toyota RAV4L 4WD  
STOCK # 50041480

**\$16,995<sup>00</sup>+**



Claudia T. Adriano  
Sales Consultant  
Visit or call 234-5562  
Ext. 123



2008 Kia Sedona LX  
STOCK # 86261071

**\$17,995<sup>00</sup>+**



2005 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer  
STOCK # 5LA47104

**\$21,995<sup>00</sup>+**

**SHOWROOM HOURS: MON. - FRI. 8 AM - 6 PM**  
**SAT. 8 AM - 12 NOON • TEL. 234-5562**

Vehicle may not be exactly as shown • Some conditions apply •  
On approved credit • See dealer for details • While Supplies last.  
\* Vehicles Certified with 61 point inspection.



**Joeten Motors**  
POWERED BY YOU



**GUANGDONG HARDWARE**

**GUANGDONG MILEI? GUANGDONG BA ITO?**

**GOOD NEWS TO ALL TINIAN/ROTA CUSTOMERS:**  
To order just dial 288-2288. Payment can be made through credit card authorization, or cashier check, postal money order, traveler's check sent thru Freedom Air/ SN-5.

## 2011 BIG BANG SPECIAL!

**HOLLOW BLOCKS**  
4" — \$0.50/pc  
6" — \$0.60/pc  
(CMU) 8" — \$0.70/pc

**#4 REBAR**  
\$770.00/BUNDLE

**#3, #5, #7, #8 REBAR**  
\$790.00/ST  
MADE IN KOREA / MADE IN TAIWAN

**THIN-SET MORTAR** \$7.80  
**JOINT COMPOUND** \$17.00 5 GAL.

**ELECTRICAL PIPE**  
1/2" \$1.80 | 3/4" \$2.60

**WATERCLOSET** \$86.00 & UP • **SINK** \$33.00 & UP  
**NEW ARRIVALS OF CERAMIC TILES**  
12"X12" \$0.79/pc • 8"X12" \$0.52/pc

**CPVC PIPE**  
1/2" \$18.00 • 3/4" \$26.00 • 1" \$35.00

**WHEEL BARROW**  
4CU.FT. \$45.00 • 5CU.FT. GRAY \$46.00  
• 5CU.FT. ALUMINUM \$47.00

**TREATED PLYWOOD**  
3/8" \$19.90 | 3/4" \$35.90

**MARINE PLYWOOD**  
1/2" \$38.50 | 5/8" \$49.50

## OTHERS

**CEMENT** \$6.75/BAG  
DELIVERY CHARGE TO TINIAN-\$3.00/BAG

**SEMI-GLOSS INT. & EXT. LATEX**  
\$17.50/GAL. | \$64.99 4.25 GAL.

**FLAT INT. & EXT. LATEX (PRIMER)**  
\$15.50/GAL. | \$56.50 4.25 GAL.

**25% OFF** FOR 2X8 UTILITY LUMBER  
REGULAR & TREATED

**40% OFF** FOR OVERSIZED AND DAMAGED  
MAHOGANY LUMBER

**U.S. LUMBER**  
2X4X20 REGULAR: \$7.50  
2X4X20 TREATED: \$12.00

**UTILITY LUMBER REGULAR**  
2X4X12... \$3.95 2X6X14... \$7.60  
2X4X14... \$4.95 2X6X16... \$8.90  
2X4X16... \$5.70 2X6X18... \$9.90  
2X6X12... \$6.70 2X6X20... \$10.90

**WIRE MESH 7"X50":** \$69.00  
**WIRE MESH 7"X100":** \$117.00

**15% TO 50% OFF**  
**ALL DAMAGED ITEMS!**

**CHEAPEST DEALER OF MAJOR**  
**CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL ON ISLAND!**

**Never satisfied until you are**

P.O. BOX 501640, SAIPAN, MP 96950  
TEL: (670) 288-2288/2289/6688  
FAX: 288-4488

E-mail: gddc@pticom.com  
Business hours:  
Mon. to Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
AMERICAN EXPRESS MasterCard VISA

## CLEARING

From Page 13

today's newspapers, an expert opined that the CNMI is "ideal for solar, wind production," see *Saipan Tribune* May 4, 2011, with the same headline)

We tried to resolve this issue without the need for a lawsuit. We offered the government free solar panels that were already on island, the at-cost services of a master electrician to install the panels and at-cost security monitoring service. We also asked the government to voluntarily agree to a moratorium so there could be public hearings, so that we could hear

from the federal government, which is not only funding this project but is tasked with preserving the area pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act—but the CNMI government refused each and continued to install the poles.

Relatedly, we referred the government to 28 USC §1492 which offers \$2 million a year to the CNMI to carry out projects for the adoption of renewable energy sources, i.e. solar, wind, photovoltaic, wave energy, etc., so that electric power is not needed for the cemetery. The statute may be viewed at: <http://vlex.com/vid/resources-caribbean-pacific-insular-areas-19258619> and

there is a link to the related Energy Assessment Report at: <http://www.doi.gov/oia/reports/U.S.%20InsularAreaEnergyAssessmentReport2006.pdf>.

Couldn't this money be requested from Interior for certain projects including the Marpi cemetery? we asked. We also brought to the government's attention that there are three renewable energy companies on Saipan who have volunteered to provide renewable energy solutions for the Marpi cemeteries at cost.

The government did not respond.

We also referred the government to a press release from

Congressman Sablan, which requested the CNMI "to prioritize expenditure of the \$18.7 million on energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including retrofitting buildings and financing deployment of renewables." The link to this press release from Congressman Sablan's office may be found at: <http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=88571>.

We also brought to the government's attention that the CNMI is required to have 10 percent of its electrical sales to be renewable energy source by December 2010, see PL 15-23 which can be seen at <http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=88571>.

[saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=88571](http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=88571).

The government chose to ignore us yet again. Instead they proceeded with the installation of the poles at breakneck speed, nearing completion. So, what choice did we have but to file this lawsuit? None.

Finally, to answer the charge that the lawsuit is against development of all kinds, this is absolutely untrue as anyone can see if they read our amended complaint, which is a public document. The lawsuit is *not to stop development nor is it to stop power going into Marpi*, as some critics allege. Instead, the suit is against *unplanned development* by the government, that is kept "secret" by the government without public hearings, and does not take into account the historical and cultural importance of the National Landmark Historical area as well as its scenic beauty. We believe those concerns can be met and power can be supplied to the cemetery by any of the alternatives we have already suggested.

David G. Banes is the lead counsel of the plaintiffs that are seeking to halt the installation of power poles in the Marpi area.

## ARMS

From Page 10

Furthermore, there is not a power in the west Pacific that doesn't breathe or suffocate by its ports. The more I list this stuff, the smaller the list gets. If you prioritized intelligently, you could pretty much squeeze the entire region if you held just a couple of dozen small areas, I'll bet, though I haven't really added it up.

So I keep in mind that even though the west Pacific looks impossibly big, it's teetering atop bottlenecks and concentrations. A little bit of wackiness in a little spot can ignite big consequences.

Well, that's how things look to me, anyway. If you've got any ideas, I'm always happy to hear them.

Now for some housekeeping: As for the military items I mentioned, I intend to write about one ship, one type of cruise missile, and two types of ballistic missiles, all of which are taking the regional stage now. I think we'll lump all of those items into just one article, which will keep things tidy. On the untidy side of the ledger, I still owe you an overview of submarines, and it's a good time to think about them, too, since subs are going to be key players in the game.

More housekeeping: As a related refresher, I'll put a link on my website to my Jan. 7 column, "Kilos and Klubs, spiders and flies," which took a look at diesel submarines.

# Saipan Tribune Make it your *DAILY* habit.



## 2011 Ford Fiesta

### IT'S A PRETTY BIG DEAL

Starting at **\$127 per paycheck\***




40 mpg highway\*\*.

15 features only found here.

9 kaleidoscopic colors.

1 of a kind.




- Fiesta's 1.6L Ti-VCT Duratec I-4 engine is an advance 32 bit powertrain control module which delivers exceptional efficiency.
- Personal safety system includes 7 standard airbags on the Fiesta along with Advance-Trac Stability Control and integrated blind-spot mirror.

**Joeten Motors**  
POWERED BY YOU

**SHOWROOM HOURS: MON. - FRI. 8 AM - 6 PM • SAT. 8 AM - 12 NOON • TEL. (670) 234-5562**  
Vehicle may not be exactly as shown • Some conditions apply • On approved credit • See dealer for details • While Supplies Last. \*\*EPA Estimated hwy mpg.

\*Ford Fiesta total price \$15,995.00 less 20% downpayment. Financing at 10.25% APR for 60 monthly payments of \$273.43 or \$126.20 per paycheck based on 26 pay periods per year. Total deferred price \$16,405.80. Documentation fees and registration not included.



# NMC invites public to 30th Annual Charter Day today

The students, staff and faculty of the Northern Marianas College are inviting the entire CNMI to celebrate the college's 30th year with Charter Day, which will be held today, May 6, 2011, at the As Terlaje campus from 4pm to 10pm.

The NMC Charter Day is an annual celebration of the college's service to the community as an institution of higher learning.

This year's theme is "Celebrating 30 Years of Sailing." The event will feature entertainment favorites such as Marianas Idol, Battle of the Bands, Best Dance Crew Competition Challenge, and Miss Pugua Pageant.

The highly anticipated Marianas Idol competition will be featuring six finalists that made

it past the audition round. They are Teana Tudela Reyes, John Ronald Darag, Lizelle Salanga, Kassandra Royal, James David, and Leonard Manuel. They will each be performing song entries from the '80s in commemoration of NMC being chartered in 1981. All six will be competing for great prizes in the Marianas Idol Competition.

The Battle of the Bands will be featuring Platinum Click and Unsigned and the Best Dance Crew Competition has three dance crews: L.O.L., The Lost Sqd, and Final Destination. Exciting prizes and bragging rights await the top performers.

There will also be other special performances and contests like the Hot Pepper Eating Con-

test, the Java Joe's Smoothie Drinking Contest, as well as booth competitions.

The Miss Marianas Gay Pageant contestants will be making a special appearance for the Miss Pugua competition.

For more information log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu) or call Rose Pangelinan Charter Day chair at 234-5498 ext. 1251 or email [rosep@nmcnet.edu](mailto:rosep@nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

The Lost Sqd poses for a photo after they showed the crowd at the Best Crew Competition auditions their stuff. Out of the four groups that auditioned, the three that made it are The Lost Sqd, L.O.L., and Final Destination. They will be the ones to battle it out on Friday, May 6, 2011 at NMC's 30th Annual Charter Day for great prizes.



## Public invited to free slaughterhouse/meat business feasibility workshops

In an effort to assess the overall viability of operating a slaughterhouse in the CNMI, the Marianas Livestock and Grazing Academy will be conducting slaughterhouse/meat business feasibility study workshops that are free and open to all interested.

The feasibility study that will come from the workshops will be comprehensive and will incorporate a variety of components that include economics, regulatory markets, processing, livestock, environmental, logistics, financial, business manage-

ment, and more.

On Saipan, the one-day workshop will be held Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Pete P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. On Tinian, the workshop will be held Monday, May 16, 2011, at the Tinian NMC Campus, Room D. On Rota, the workshop will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Rota NMC Campus, Room B-1. Each workshop will begin at 8:30am and end at 2:30pm.

Presenters for this set of workshops include the feasibility studies primary author Jim

Wimberly and MGA project director Dr. Mark Thorne.

The presentations will include a guided tour of the feasibility study website, which is being prepared by Agriculture/Energy Enterprises LLC, a consulting firm contracted by the University of Hawaii. The website also has tools and links to resources that are appropriate to this topic. The feasibility study website is viewable at <http://www.agenergyenterprises.com/feasibility/index.html>.

This feasibility study is a

component of the Marianas Livestock and Grazing Academy program, administered by the University of Hawaii. The Academy aims to build local agricultural capacity and educate farmers, ranchers, and potential investors about increasing the economic viability of their products.

The Academy is a project organized through a collaborative effort between the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's Livestock Improvement Program, and experienced pas-

ture, livestock, and soil specialists from the University of Hawaii, University of the Virgin Islands, and the University of Guam.

The Academy's goals are to provide local farmers, ranchers, technical resource personnel and other interagency collaborators with assistance and guidance in planning and developing special local projects to improve the economic viability of grazing activities in the CNMI, and to include meat processing and marketing systems.

For more information on the

Academy, visit the MGA website at [marianasgrazingacademy.org](http://marianasgrazingacademy.org) or contact Claus Bier at 234-3690, Ext. 1707, or Lawrence Duponcheel at 433-0639 (Tinian), or Dr. Allan Sabaldica, NMC-CREES Livestock Improvement Program, at 433-2576. On Rota, contact Alejandro Badilles at 532-9513.

The Marianas Grazing Academy project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture. (NMC)

## Mother's Day Special



- PLAN A: TOUCH OF ELEGANCE DOZEN ROSES IN A GLASS VASE W/ BALLOON
- PLAN B: LOVE OF HALF DOZEN ROSES
- PLAN C: I LOVE U MOM ROSES
- PLAN D: PERFECT ROSE ARRANGEMENT (CHOICES OF: VASE, TISSUE WRAP OR PLASTIC WRAP)
- PLAN E: TOUCH OF ELEGANCE DOZEN ROSES IN CRYSTAL VASE
- PLAN F: FRENCH KISS ARRANGEMENT
- PLAN G: LOVE'S FIRST BLOOM IN A GLASS VASE
- PLAN H: HEARTFELT ROSE BOUQUET
- PLAN I: SENTIMENTAL SURPRISE BOUQUET
- PLAN J: SIMPLE JOY BOUQUET
- PLAN K: THANKS MOM ARRANGEMENT

Also available are Gift Baskets, Silk and Dried Flower Arrangement, Mylar Balloons, Fortune Bamboo, Fruit Baskets, Wine Baskets, Mother's Day gift items and different kinds of chocolates.

## Island Florals and Gifts

"THINKING OF YOU ALWAYS..."

For more information, call Island Florals and Gifts at 235-2230 / 989-7356 or fax us at 235-2231 and look for Philip or Milkshake • [www.islandfloralsandgifts.com](http://www.islandfloralsandgifts.com)  
Monday to Sunday - 8:00 am to 9:00 pm





Tinian junior and senior high school students engage in positive peer support and drug-free prevention activities in Guam. Back row, standing from left, parent/chaperone Jennifer Pettis, Rebecca Untalan, Emiliana Manglona, Melgirene Shai, Shainna Barcinas, Renz Benqhut, parent/chaperone Manel Dela Cruz Sr., Nikki Cepeda, Justin Castro, Edwin Cabrera, Justo Castro, Edmund Borja, Manel Dela Cruz Jr., Corey San Nicolas, and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School principal Julian Hofschneider. Front row from left, TJSHS counselor Andrea Thompson, Ana Mae Cruz, and Joey Aquiningoc.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian students participate in three full days of small peer-facilitated group activities and large group inspirational activities.

## Tinian students learn about positive peer support in Guam

Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam hosted a program for junior high and high school students from the CNMI and neighboring islands to help students learn about the influence of positive peer support and how to spread a drug-free message to others.

The 2011 Youth for Youth Conference was sponsored by Guam's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, PeaceGuam, and Guam's Department of Youth Services.

Tinian junior and senior high school students participated in three full days of small peer-facilitated group activities and large group inspirational activities and were able to witness and take part in creative skits and programs focusing on a wide variety of life skills that promoted healthy decision making.

The topics included anger management, bullying, suicide prevention, conflict resolution, saying no to drugs and alcohol, and drinking and driving as well as developing leadership skills, college preparation, and stress management, to name a few.

The students laughed and cried, made new friends, and learned how to support each other. The best part of this program was the interaction between the students, not only the ones they already knew but their new friends and the wonderfully energetic and charismatic high school students that led and facilitated the entire program.

Tinian Jr./Sr. High School principal Julian Hofschneider said that this was a life-changing opportunity and experience for the students of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School and, without the

support and contributions of the CNMI community, it would not have been possible.

"Our sincere and abounding gratitude goes out to Tan Siu Lin Foundation for providing accommodations for the students and chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Kwon and the Tinian High School PTSA for their monetary contributions, Tinian Municipal Council, Legislative Delegation, CNMI PSS and the Tinian Mayor's Office for providing air and ground transportation and meals, Freedom Air, and to the two parents, Manel Dela Cruz and Jennifer Pettis, for giving their time and energy in helping to chaperone our very dynamic group. A special thank you to the following families in Guam who hosted all of the students and chaperones from Tinian and provided everyone with a wonderful meal and great conversation: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nakasone and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny San Nicolas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Dela Cruz and family, Mr. Lester Macaranas and Ms. Gladys Nakasone, Mr. Andrew Macaranas, Mrs. Lourdes San Nicolas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kin John San Nicolas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Manglona and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Manglona and family.

"Our students continue to spread the messages to the rest of the campus utilizing the leadership skills they learned while in Guam. Many more activities and programs are being planned to incorporate the Say No To Drugs and Alcohol Message to all of the Tinian youth," Hofschneider said. (PR)

### SAIPAN

Latitude 15° 12' N  
Longitude 145° 45' E

**SAIPAN SHIPPING COMPANY**

TEL: 670-322-9706  
FAX: 670-322-3183/1981  
EMAIL:  
saiship@saipanshipping.com  
www.saipanshipping.com

### TINIAN

Latitude 15° N  
Longitude 145° 38' E

**TINIAN CENTER**

TEL: 670-433-3219  
FAX: 670-433-3004  
EMAIL: tinian\_center@yahoo.com  
or tinian\_center@pticom.com

### ROTA

Latitude 14° 10' N  
Longitude 145° 14' E

**ISLA SHIPPING, ROTA**

TEL: 670-532-3117  
FAX: 670-532-9888  
EMAIL: islashipping@yahoo.com



# Congratulations!



*on 61 years of service  
and value to the  
people of the CNMI!*



## Public urged to be alert for suspicious activities

GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, in partnership with the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, is asking for community assistance in keeping local waterways safe and secure by reporting suspicious activity to authorities as part of the ongoing America's Waterway Watch program.

Local mariners and anyone who lives, works, or engages in recreational activities around local waterways, are asked to report to law enforcement agencies if any suspicious activities are observed, including but not limited to:

- Suspicious waterfront loitering or forcible access;
- Persons photographing, tapping or sketching;
- Boaters seeming to be forcibly controlled;

- Liquids being poured into reservoirs;
- Apparently dangerous loads and/or cargoes;
- Items that appear to be weapons or explosives; and
- Diving operations near critical infrastructure or protection zones.

This effort is in the wake of a recently increased security posture taken nationwide and expands on the Department of Homeland Security's existing "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign to increase awareness and reporting of terrorism and violent crime.

If anyone observes immediate danger to life or property, call 911, contact the U.S. Coast Guard on Marine Channel 16 VHF-FM, or call 877-24-WATCH (877-249-2824). (USCG)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Services to US armed forces

The American Red Cross—NMI Chapter is inviting all U.S. military service members—active, reserve, Guard, and veterans—to attend a "Health & Well Being Workshop" on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

The workshop, from 8:30am to 12pm, will feature:

- Red Cross "Get to Know Us" briefing
- Ruth Coleman of Veterans affairs
- VA clinic Medical Associates of the Pacific, LLC.
- VFW Post Commander

The workshop, breakfast, lunch, and park passes will be provided free of charge for all qualified military service members (DD-214). Military service members are allowed to bring two dependents.

Space is limited, so sign-up today. For more information or to register call or email Le'ah A. Murphy, Red Cross SAF Co-ordinator, at 234-3459 or leah.murphy670@gmail.com. (PR)

#### Learn how to make Katupak and have it for lunch this Saturday

Are you a Chamorro or a Carolinian? The Chamorro/Carolinian Cultural Center (with the hut) at 1213 Capitol Hill Rd. is offering free classes this month on traditional food preparations. For this Saturday, May 7, learn how to make Katupak and have it for lunch (with fish). Classes start on Saturdays at 9am and end around noon.

Chamorros and Carolinians (ages 14-99) are invited to come and attend free classes on Chamorro and Carolinian traditional knowledge and practices.

Please come to building 1213 Capitol Hill Rd., south of Isa Dr. (Building 1213, with the hut is across the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency, WIA, and by the

CNMI Board of Parole Office.)

For more information, call 322-0278, e-mail ianasfma@gmail.com, or check out www.amot-safey.org. Classes are offered by the Inetnon Amot yan Kutturam Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. (PR)

#### Councilor Camacho on Marianas Agupa

This Saturday, May 7, 2011, Marianas Agupa will feature Councilor Ramon B. Camacho of the Saipan and Northern Island Municipal Council. The show is from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. Topic of discussion will be beautifying the villages on Saipan in order to make it more appealing not just for visitors but residents alike.

The Chamorro talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

#### Three Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge, the beach north of the American Memorial Park, and the San Antonio lift station and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

**Congratulations**

**JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**62<sup>nd</sup>**

**on your Anniversary!**

From the staff and management of

**ADVANCE X-TERMINATORS**  
A Professional Termite & General Pest Control Company

**ADVANCE**  
AIR CONDITIONING REFRIGERATION

**Advance Auto-Aircon**  
SPECIALIST

A Division of: Team Advance Group, Inc.  
PMB 495 Box 10003, Saipan MP 96950 • Tel.: 670-233-4747/0210 • Fax: 670-235-6868  
www.teamadvancegroup.com

**NEW OFFICE LOCATION...**

**BEACH ROAD**

**ADVANCE NEW LOCATION**

**MARIANAS EYE INSTITUTE**

**JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**Congratulations on your 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!**

*Keep the local spirit high for more years ahead.*

**JOETEN SHOPPING CENTER**

From the management and staff of

**CALVO'S insurance**

**CALVO'S select Care**  
HEALTH PLANS

Oleai Center Bldg., San Jose, P.O. Box 35 Chalan Kanoa, Saipan MP 96950  
Phone: (670) 234-5690 • Fax: (670) 234-5693 • E-mail: calvospc@saipan.com • calvospc@vzpacific.net

**SERVICES:**

• Fire and Allied Lines • Auto • Workers Compensation • Home Owners • Commercial Liability • Marine Cargo • Personal Accident • Bonds • Health





**Congratulations to  
Joeten Enterprises, Inc.  
on your  
62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!**

From the management and staff of

**HORIZON  
LINES®**

Always There. Always Delivering.®

Tel. No. 322-4272 • Fax No. 322-4275 • CTSI Bldg., Lower Base Drive, Saipan, MP 96950  
Website: www.horizonlines.com

## Taste of the Marianas kicks off tomorrow at AMP

The Marianas Visitors Authority's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden kicks off tomorrow, May 7, in celebration of May Tourism Month in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Thousands on Saipan are expected to attend the weekly festival, which will be held every Saturday in May from 6pm to 10pm at the American Memorial Park. Local hotels and restaurants will offer various menu items at reasonable fare, with most dinners at \$6 or less.

Throughout the evening, live entertainment will be offered on the main stage. Recording artist Joe Limes will sing the national anthem at 6pm to kick off the opening ceremony, followed by Natibu Band (6:30pm), INAT-UAS Cultural Dancers (7pm), Cab Dancers (7:30pm), Island Warriors (8pm), Pacific Flowers (8:30pm), and Nolas Kaligas (9:30am).

This Saturday's festival will also feature two heats of the Hotdog Eating Competition at 8pm and 9pm on the back stage. Festival goers also had a chance to learn the latest on CNMI tourism trends with the MVA's My Marianas slideshow presentation, while vendors will offer arts and crafts made in the Marianas. Also this year, the MVA will bring back its tourism slogan game at the festival, of-

fering Taste tokens to winners.

"Of all our annual signature events, Taste of the Marianas is the most popular, offering a place for families, friends, and visitors to enjoy great food, exciting live entertainment, and fun competitions," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We encourage everyone to come and celebrate Tourism Month throughout the month."

Upcoming competitions for the month include the Hot

Soba Eating Contest (May 14), CNMI Bartenders' Association Cocktail Competition (May 21), and Chefs' Competition (May 28).

Entrance to the Taste of the Marianas is free. For more information about Taste of the Marianas, contact Frank Tudela at MVA at [ftudela@mymarianas.com](mailto:ftudela@mymarianas.com) or 664.3200/1. For information on other Tourism Month activities, contact Ed Diaz of the MVA at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com). (MVA)

## Rota National Park study bill gets a new hearing in 112th Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C.—

The Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act made it safely through the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands yesterday. The bill, H.R. 1411, authorizes a study of the "suitability and feasibility" of designating certain areas of prehistoric, historic, and natural significance on Rota as a unit of the National Park System. The study is a necessary step before Congress decides to designate any area as a national park.

"The bill has already garnered bipartisan support in the House of Representatives," CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan reminded the Subcommittee in his prepared statement. H.R. 1411 is the same language that passed the House unanimously in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. That previous bill, H.R. 4686, died without action by the Senate.

Sablan submitted letters of support from Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola, and from Senate President Paul A. Manglona, who wrote on behalf of the Rota Legislative Delegation that "[a]rchaeologists describe Rota as having the most intact and numerous historic sites of any island in the Mariana Archipelago."

Sablan also added the testimony of Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, which she presented at a 2010 hearing on H.R. 4686, to yesterday's

hearing record.

The National Park Service, too, testified in favor of Sablan's proposal to move the concept of a Rota National Park to the next stage in the approval process.

"Spared the population displacement of other colonial islands and largely bypassed during World War II, Rota preserves striking examples of the 3,000-year-old Chamorro culture surrounded by the best

remaining expanse of this island chain's native limestone forest," said Stephen E. Whitesell, associate director for Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands at the National Park Service.

Whitesell also

noted that "Rota's residents and legislative delegation have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the protection of the island's environment." He singled out then-senator Diego M. Songao for particular recognition. Songao, as chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation in 2004, formally requested planning assistance for a Rota National Park from the Park Service.

The reconnaissance survey that resulted in 2005 recommended that the cultural and natural resources of Rota are of national significance and that the appropriate next step would be a suitability and feasibility study.

Sablan's legislation would authorize that next step. (PR)



Sablan

## Man allegedly beats up girlfriend

A man allegedly beat up his girlfriend in front of their two children at their residence in Chalan Lau Lau Tuesday morning.

Schneider Techur Lanzo was taken to the Superior Court Wednesday for his initial appearance on charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$150 cash and \$1,350 unsecured bond.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that the victim was crying when a police officer arrived at the house. Aldan said the officer observed that

the victim had a scratch mark on the face and a small lump on the head.

Aldan said that, according to the victim, she was trying to put her 7-month-old baby to sleep in their bedroom when Lanzo threw a pillow at her then punched her on the head.

The victim bit Lanzo on the leg. The suspect then slapped her several times in the face.

During the fight, their 1-year-old son and 7-month-old daughter were crying.

A witness heard Lanzo shouting, "Sorry! Sorry!" (FDT)



Airwick® aerosol spray helps remove tough odors, then leaves a light, clean fragrance in your house. Two important benefits all in one.



**COSMOS** Distributing Co., Ltd.  
Guam: Tel (671) 477-5973 • Saipan: Tel (670) 323-5950





## **Celebrating 62 Years of Service to the Marianas**

Mobil Oil Mariana Island Inc. congratulates Joeten Enterprises Incorporated in celebrating their 62nd Anniversary. Your commitment to providing the Marianas region with a diverse collection of quality consumer goods and services remains the key to your enduring success. We wish you more years for the success of your future endeavors.



**Mobil**  
We're drivers too.



# Fund's receivables from autonomous agencies now \$33.9M

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund's receivable from autonomous agencies has now topped \$33.9 million, according to Fund comptroller David Demapan.

The amount reflects a \$2.4-million increase from the \$31.5 million receivables noted in October 2010, the start of the current fiscal year.

Demapan said the new amount represents unpaid employer contribution due the agency as of Feb. 28 this year.

Of the 10 independent agencies that owe contributions to the Fund, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the Public School System has the highest unpaid obligation of over \$22 million as of April 2011.

During Thursday's board meeting, Fund administrator

Richard Villagomez reported that the Fund's legal counsel is now working on three major accounts: PSS, Northern Marianas College, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that a memorandum of agreement is being worked out for each

agency wherein their obligations will be absorbed by the central government since their funding for employer contributions is sourced from the general fund.

Records are still being reconciled, according to Fund officials.

The CNMI government is also behind in its employer contributions, totaling \$5.7 million since the beginning of fiscal year 2011. This excludes the government's unpaid obligation amounting to over \$230 million, as determined by a court in June last year.

## 'Human trafficking victims in CNMI can get help for rehab'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

A program specialist for Polaris Project, a leading organization in the U.S. that combats all forms of human trafficking, is urging potential victims in the CNMI to contact them for rehabilitation services that will

enable them to become human trafficking survivors.

Rebecca Bullard told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that potential victims of human trafficking should get their number (1-888-373-7888) for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center in Washington D.C. and contact them anytime.

"They can ask for variety of services. If they don't want to report to law enforcement right away, it's their choice. We are a confidential victims center," Bullard said.

Bullard, who was one of the speakers at the ongoing Human Trafficking Regional Training Conference for the CNMI at

the Saipan World Resort, talked about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, the Polaris Project's 24-hour national hotline on human trafficking in the U.S. and territories.

Bullard also encouraged law enforcement agencies and service providers in the CNMI to check on them so they can pro-

vide as much support services as they need.

Bullard, who is the recipient of the 2009 Victim Advocate of the Year Award for her work, explained that they provide a variety of services, including training and technical assistance, crisis response,

tips, as well as general information about human trafficking.

"We have a variety of different languages and interpreting services. We are able to connect with interpreting services at any time and provide services," she said.

Bullard said they can pass on

tips to law enforcement agencies that are working on human trafficking and that they can do that confidentially.

If someone is in a situation where he or she is forced to work for commercial sex, they can call the Polaris hotline and Polaris will pass the information to the "local actors here."

"We can pick tips, we can provide crisis response, we can also provide general information about the crime itself, we can provide shelter referrals to an individual," she said. "We're in Washington D.C. and we can provide that assistance online and... over the phone."



Bullard

## Promotions seeks to make a memorable Mother's Day



By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**  
clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were an estimated 85.4 million mothers in the United States in 2008. Of that number, 54 percent of 15- to 44-year-old women were mothers. There were also a staggering 4.13 million births registered in the United States in 2009. That's one big bunch of mamas, more than enough to deserve a holiday of their own.

This Sunday, we honor the special women in our lives who have nurtured us throughout our youthful years. It's a time of celebration for all mothers who have loved us despite ourselves. On their special day, it is our turn to give our mom some of this love.

In this issue, the *Saipan Tribune* gives to you a number of establishments on island that has great offerings you can choose from to celebrate this significant occasion that is Mother's Day.

**Alamo/National Car Rental**  
Give your mom a much needed break from office work or house chores by touring her around

the island on an Alamo/National Car Rental wheels. Avail of their Weekend Specials deal, which gives you a choice of either a 2009 Hyundai Tucson or a 2009 Toyota Corolla for only \$42 a day or \$120 for three days, inclusive of CDW Insurance. Renter must be at least 21 years old and must have a valid driver's license. For information, call 288-4400 or 233-0111.

### Aqua Resort Club

Make your mom feel like the queen of the world by taking her to Aqua Resort Club for their Mother's Day Sunday Brunch Promo. Brunch costs \$30 per adult and \$15 per child from 6 to 11 years old, inclusive of a family portrait. A 20-percent local discount applies. Free pool passes will also be given to all Sunday Brunch diners. Dining moms will receive a surprise gift. Have the option to stay in any of their Deluxe Rooms for only \$100 plus tax. Price is inclusive of breakfast for two and free use of the Fitness Center, Jacuzzi, and sauna. For reservation or information, call 322-1234.

See **MOTHER'S** on Page 22

**Congratulations**

**JOETEN ENTERPRISES**  
on your

**62nd Anniversary!**

From the management & staff of  
**ERNST & YOUNG**  
Quality in Everything We Do

**JOETEN SHOPPING CENTER**



NEW X O MARKET

Mother's Day Special

UNTIL MAY 8, 2011

OPEN MONDAYS TO SUNDAYS • 6:30AM TO 11:30PM • TEL.: 235-4458 • EVERYDAY LOW PRICES ON LOCAL VEGETABLES & FRUITS

<div>Diamond G Rice</div> <div>50 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$28.99</div> <div>per sack</div>	<div>Ox &amp; Palm Corned Beef</div> <div>Limit 6</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.49</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Spam All Kinds</div> <div>Limit 6</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.29</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Bar-S Jumbo Hotdog</div> <div>Limit 6</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.09</div> <div>per pack</div>	<div>Mussels</div> <div>Limit 2</div> <div></div> <div>\$5.99</div> <div>per box</div>	<div>Butane Gas</div> <div>Limit 1</div> <div></div> <div>\$23.99</div> <div>per case</div>
<div>Lotus Rice</div> <div>50 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$24.99</div> <div>per sack</div>	<div>Black Label Luncheon Meat</div> <div>Limit 6</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.59</div> <div>each</div>	<div>XL US Eggs White</div> <div>Limit 6</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.99</div> <div>1 dozen</div>	<div>Vega Shrimp</div> <div>Limit 2</div> <div></div> <div>\$4.99</div> <div>per box</div>	<div>Chicken Leg Quarter</div> <div>Limit 1</div> <div></div> <div>\$22.99</div> <div>33 lbs. case</div> <div>\$16.99</div> <div>22 lbs. case</div>	<div>Pork Spareribs</div> <div>Limit 1</div> <div></div> <div>\$23.99</div> <div>per case</div>

FROZEN MEAT • SEAFOOD • PRODUCE

<div>Whole Chicken</div> <div>30 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$34.95</div> <div>per case</div>	<div>All Natural Ground Beef</div> <div>5 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$9.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>S.C. Frozen Peeled Shrimp</div> <div>1 lb.</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Milkfish</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.39</div> <div>per pound</div>	<div>Fiesta Fruit Cocktail</div> <div>3062G</div> <div></div> <div>\$4.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Mary's Kitchen Corned Beef Hash</div> <div>15 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.99</div> <div>each</div>
<div>Bar-S Chopped Ham</div> <div></div> <div>\$9.99</div> <div>5 lbs.</div> <div>\$18.99</div> <div>10 lbs.</div>	<div>Dragon Regular Hotdog</div> <div>16 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.25</div> <div>per sack</div>	<div>Bar-S Hotlinks</div> <div>1.5 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$3.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Tilapia 400-600GM</div> <div></div> <div>\$0.99</div> <div>per pound</div>	<div>Del Monte Corn Kernel</div> <div>5.25 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$0.89</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Ligo Sardines</div> <div>155 g.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.00</div> <div>3 pcs.</div>
<div>Gusto Chopped Ham</div> <div></div> <div>\$8.99</div> <div>5 lbs.</div> <div>\$16.99</div> <div>10 lbs.</div>	<div>Hoffy Portuguese Sausage</div> <div>12 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Baby Back Ribs</div> <div>10 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$18.99</div> <div>per case</div>	<div>Ichiban</div> <div></div> <div>\$8.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Hornel Chili w/ Beans</div> <div>15 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.49</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Coco Tuna</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.09</div> <div>each</div> <div>Limit 12</div>
<div>RM Beef Patties</div> <div>2.5 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$4.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Imitation Crab Meat</div> <div>1 lb.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.69</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Brown' n Serve Sausage Links</div> <div>6.4 oz. (all kinds)</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.59</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Betty Crocker Pancake Mix</div> <div>2 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.49</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Hornel Chili No Beans</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.79</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Master A1</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.09</div> <div>per sack</div> <div>Limit 12</div>
<div>Gusto Smoked Picnic Ham</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.99</div> <div>per pound</div>	<div>Bar-S Smoked Sausage</div> <div>48 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$5.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>San Pedro Calamari</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.89</div> <div>per box</div>	<div>Del Monte Spaghetti Sauce</div> <div>26 oz. (all flavors)</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.39</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Dinty Moore Stew</div> <div>(all flavors) 15 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$1.59</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Campbell's Chicken Noodles</div> <div></div> <div>\$0.79</div> <div>each</div> <div>Limit 6</div>

GROCERIES

<div>AVO Vegetable Oil</div> <div>1 Gal.</div> <div></div> <div>\$8.99</div> <div>per box</div>	<div>Coffee Mate</div> <div>50 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$8.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Folger's Coffee</div> <div>33.9 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$9.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Kool-Aid</div> <div>5 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$7.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Tang Orange</div> <div>2.04 kg.</div> <div></div> <div>\$7.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Joy Diswashing</div> <div>90 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$5.99</div> <div>each</div>
<div>Promil Kid</div> <div>1.6 kg.</div> <div></div> <div>\$23.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Argo Corn Starch</div> <div>1 lb.</div> <div></div> <div>\$0.99</div> <div>per sack</div>	<div>Gold Medal Flour</div> <div>5 lbs.</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Maseca Flour</div> <div>2 kg.</div> <div></div> <div>\$3.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Pure Olive Oil</div> <div>2 Liter</div> <div></div> <div>\$8.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Dawn Dishwashing</div> <div>90 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$7.99</div> <div>each</div>
<div>Olitalia Soybean Oil</div> <div>5 Liter</div> <div></div> <div>\$12.99</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Salad Oil</div> <div>5 Gal.</div> <div></div> <div>\$31.95</div> <div>each</div>	<div>Real-Fresh Milk</div> <div></div> <div>\$20.99</div> <div>per case</div>	<div>Foremost Milk</div> <div></div> <div>\$16.99</div> <div>per case</div>	<div>Coke 330 ml.</div> <div></div> <div>\$12.99</div> <div>per case</div>	<div>Clorox 96 oz.</div> <div></div> <div>\$2.99</div> <div>per case</div>

NEW X O MARKET  
FAMILY BAGS

Chicken Leg Quarter	\$4.99
Pork Spare Ribs	\$5.99
Pork Belly	\$10.99
Pork Chop	\$9.99
Pork butt	\$9.99
Pork Hock	\$8.99
Stewing Chicken	\$6.49
Beef Stew	\$12.99
Mackarel / Pike	\$5.99

AND A LOT MORE ITEMS ON SALE...

We accept Food Stamps and all major credit cards. Prices may change without prior notice. Selected items are limited per customer.



Cut & Save

MOTHER’S  
From Page 20

**C&R Corp.**  
Buy your mom a guilt-free treat with the new Cheaters Squeeze Candy. It has no added sugar, fat, sodium, or gluten so it’s good for mothers who want to maintain their figure while snacking on these candies that come in Strawberry Cheesecake, Blueberry Cobbler, Banana Crème Pie, and Cinnamon Apple Pie variants. Cheaters Squeeze Candy may be enjoyed chilled or frozen and is available only at Joeten Stores where you can buy four pieces of any flavor and get one for free.

**Country House Restaurant**  
Bring your mothers to Country House or Moby Dick Restaurant so she can feast on a 5 oz sirloin steak or enjoy a bottle of wine for free. They also offer 50 percent-off rates on selected bottles of wine with any food purchase and a 30 percent discount on certified Angus Beef steaks. Call Country House at 233-1908 and Moby Dick at 233-1190 for reservations or information.

**Fashion Clicks**  
Dress your mom to the nines with the latest at Fashion Clicks along Puerto Rico next to Island Apparel. Fashion Clicks offers 20 percent discount on all regular-priced items and 10 percent off on all sale-priced items. Discounted rates are not applicable to Renee Salud designer clothes. For inquiries, call 288-3441, 42 or 43.

**Hanamitsu Hotel & Spa**  
Treat your mom to Pure Spa along Paseo de Marianas. Indulge in a one-hour massage for only \$20 or avail of the \$50 package that includes manicure, pedicure, and a one-hour massage with spa. Leave your worries outside as you check in at Hanamitsu Hotel & Spa where you can avail of their Deluxe Room with free spa for only \$55 a day. For appointment or information, call Pure Spa at 233-1200 or Hanamitsu Hotel & Spa at 233-1818.

**LZ Beauty Salon**  
Mothers, since it’s your special day, head on to LZ Beauty Salon for some beauty and hair pampering! Let Georgia, the salon’s all-around beautician, doll you up so you can look and feel good. Enjoy all hair treatment packages at 15 percent off. Located along Puerto Rico next to Twins Market, LZ Beauty Salon is open from Monday to Saturday from 10am to 8pm. For appointment or inquiries, call Baby at 989-9611 or Georgia at 286-8977.

**Monika’s Gallery and Furniture**  
For mothers with eclectic and bohemian spirits, visit Monika’s Gallery and Furniture in Gualo Rai across the CDA building on Middle Road. Get a good deal when you buy your mom, wife, aunt, or grandmom fashion jewelry with 20-percent discount. Furniture and other accessories are also marked down 10 percent. For information, call 233-4402.

**New Paradise Florist**  
Make your mom feel special by buying her gift baskets or getting her any floral arrangements at New Paradise Florist located along Middle Road across the Shell gas station. New Paradise Florist has an array of gift ideas for all the mothers, such as fruit and wine baskets, roses, HVD balloons, and stuffed toys. Enjoy a 15 percent discount on all floral arrangements and gift baskets. Call 235-9875 or 287-7151 to place orders.

**PHI Pharmacy**  
Shopping for your medical needs and supplies is easy at PHI Pharmacy. For a minimum of \$20 purchase of prescribed and over-the-counter medicines, customers can get a \$2 discount on vitamins and dietary supplements. Visit any of the four locations of PHI Pharmacy, which has been supplying the CNMI with medicines, medical supplies, and equipment for over 15 years: Commonwealth Health Center, Joeten Dandan Center, Marina Heights II, and Joeten Market in Kagman.

**Thai House**  
Bring your mom or your wife to Thai House Restaurant along Beach Road in Garapan and have her experience authentic Thai dining. Get a 10-percent discount on all entrees when you bring the discount coupon, which is valid until May 31. Thai House is open Monday to Saturday from 11am to 2pm and 5pm to 10pm, Sunday from 5pm to 10pm. For reservation or information, call 235-8424.

**Sweet & Treats**  
Let moms enjoy a sweet, bonding time with the kids this Mother’s Day by heading out to Sweets ‘n Treats along Beach Road in San Jose next to Jigz Barber Shop. Indulge your sweet tooth with a single scoop ice cream for only \$1.95; Hotdog Combo for \$5; and Milkshake or Deluxe Sundae for \$3. Sweets ‘n Treats is open daily from 12pm to 9pm. Call 235-1927 for more information.

**YTT Gold**  
Jewelry as a gift for deserving moms and wives need not be pricey as YTT Gold Jewelry is giving a 20-percent markdown on all their items. YTT Gold Jewelry takes pride in its good reputation since being launched in 1989. Check out their items at their store behind DFS and Star Sands Plaza, which is open daily from 1pm to 9pm. For information, call 233-2368.

**LZ BEAUTY SALON**  
For Men and Women

**A FULL SERVICE SALON**  
SPECIALIZING IN:

Make-up services • Hairstyles for all occasions • Hair Rebonding  
Hair color and treatments  
Hair cut (Men and Women)  
Manicure and Pedicure • Foot Spa

For inquiries and appointment, please call  
989-9611 (Baby) or 286-8977 (Georgia)  
Mon. to Sun. – 10:00am to 8:00pm  
Closed on Tuesday

**15% OFF** on all Hair Treatments

Promo expires on May 31, 2011. Coupon must be presented to avail the discount. Some restrictions apply.

EXCLUSIVE OFFERS FROM  
**FASHION CLICKS**

**20% OFF** AND/OR **10% OFF**

ANY ONE REGULAR PRICED ITEM ANY ONE SALE PRICED ITEM

This offer does not include any designer clothes from Renee Salud  
Limit one coupon per customer. Not redeemable for cash or cash equivalent. This coupon is good for one time purchase only and must be surrendered at the time of purchase. **Offers Expire May 15, 2011**

**MONIKA’S FURNITURE**

**20% OFF** on Fashion Jewelry  
**10% OFF** on Furniture and Accessories

Located in Gualo Rai across CDA Bldg. • Tel: 233-4402  
Coupon expires on May 21, 2011. One coupon per visit. Not equivalent to cash. Coupons must be presented at the time of purchase. Some restrictions apply.

**ALL OF THE PLEASURE, NONE OF THE GUILT!**

**Buy 4 pcs (any flavor) Get 1 FREE**

**CHEATERS SQUEEZE CANDY**

Available only at Joeten Stores Promo valid from May 6 - 31, 2011  
Distributed by: C&R Corporation

**Sweets ‘n Treats**  
Quality treats at affordable prices

Single Scoop (Regular cone) for only **\$1.95**  
Buy one, get the 2nd half the price

Hotdog Combo for **\$5.00**  
Get two hotdogs and 1 drink (soda in can or bottled water)

Choice of Milkshake or Deluxe Sundae for only **\$3.00**

Beach Road, San Jose

Open Daily from 12:00pm to 9:00pm  
First floor, Morgen Building, Beach Road, San Jose  
Tel.: 235-1927

**COUNTRY HOUSE and Moby Dick**  
invites all mothers to join us in celebrating  
**Mother’s Day**  
on May 8, 2011.

Dine in with your mom and she will be served Soz. Sirloin Steak or a bottle of wine FREE of charge. It’s a way of saying “Thank You Mom!”

Come and enjoy our Certified Angus Beef Steaks at Country House and Moby Dick Restaurants.

**“Where Mothers are Special”**

For reservation, please call 233-1908 for Country House and 233-1910 for Moby Dick. We’ll be happy to serve you.  
Located in Coconut Street, Garapan.  
OPEN DAILY: Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm • Dinner 5:30pm – 10:30pm

**NEXT PROMOTION** on Certified Angus Beef Steaks.  
Every Saturday, May 14, 21 & 28, 2011  
For Dinner Only

**PHI Pharmacy**  
Serving the Community for over 15 years!

**\$2.00 OFF** on any Vitamins or Dietary Supplements with a \$20.00 minimum purchase of Rx or OTC medicines.

Convenient locations to serve you!  
Navy Hill (CHC) OPEN SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK!  
Tel. (670) 323-5000/01 • Fax (670) 323-5011 • Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm • Sat & Sun: 8am-4pm  
Dandan (Joeten Dandan Center)  
Tel. (670) 235-6170/74 • Fax (670) 235-6180 • Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm  
Puerto Rico (Marina Heights II)  
Tel. (670) 323-5100 • Fax (670) 323-5111 • Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm  
Kagman (Joeten Market)  
Tel. (670) 256-6170/71 • Fax (670) 256-6173  
P.O. Box 505089, Saipan MP 96950 • Email Address: phi@philpharmacy.com  
Website: www.philpharmacy.com

**PHI Pharmacy...the pharmacy you can trust!**

**YTT GOLD Jewelry**  
We buy gold and we do Pawn Service

**20% OFF**

Good Reputation Since 1989

Tel. No.: 233-2368 • Business Hours: 1pm - 9pm  
Located behind Duty Free and Star Sands Plaza  
PROMO COUPON VALID UNTIL JULY 31, 2011

**National Car Rental Alamo**  
Weekend Specials

**\$42/day** OR **\$120 FOR 3 DAYS** (SUVs and Compact cars only)

2009 Hyundai Tucson 2009 Toyota Corolla

Renter must be 21 yrs. & above with Drivers License. Security deposit of \$200.00 for cash payments.  
SUV's and Compact cars only. Coupon expires on May 31, 2011. Some restrictions apply.  
Tel. No. 288-4400 / 233-0111 / 235-6627 / 285-4405 / 888-6055

**NEW PARADISE FLORIST**  
May Specials  
**15% DISCOUNT** on Floral Arrangements and Gift Baskets

We also have:  
• Fruit & Wine Basket  
• Roses (comes in different packaging)  
• HVD Balloons (choices of Mylar and Latex)  
• Stuffed Toys

To place your order, please call 233-9875 or 785-7161 and look for Robert. You can also visit our new location on Middle Road, Gualo Rai across Shell Gas Station

Promo expires on May 30, 2011. Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase to avail the discount. Some restrictions apply.

**THE FIRST • THE ORIGINAL • THE BEST Thai House RESTAURANT**  
"Authentic Thai Cuisine"

**10% Discount** on All Entrees

Coupon expires on May 31, 2011.  
One coupon per table.  
Some restrictions may apply.

Mon - Sat: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Sun: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Closing Time may vary depending on Reservations

Tel #: 235-8424 • Tel/Fax #: 233-0900

**APC AQUA RESORT CLUB**  
Saipan

**Local Resident Special**

**\$100 +TAX**

**Deluxe Room Over Night Stay**  
include Breakfast for two, free usage of Fitness Center, Jacuzzi, and Sauna

Local ID is required. Subject to room availability.

For room reservation, please call Gina at 322-1234 ext. 773  
e-mail: info@aquaresortsaipan.com

**Mother’s Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 8, 2011  
Adult - \$30.00 • Child - \$15.00 (6-11 years old)  
20% discount for all local residents

Inclusive of:  
Family Portrait Shooting  
Surprise Gift for all Mothers

Enjoy Local Fiesta Chamorro Dishes and Live Music Entertainment  
Lots of free raffle giveaways  
Free Valet Parking

**Free Pool Pass**  
Present this coupon and avail free usage of the Swimming Pool the same day you dine with us for Sunday Brunch. Some restrictions apply.  
Coupon expires on May 31, 2011.

**PURE SPA**  
Saipan • Saipan • Saipan • Saipan

**\$20.00** 1 HOUR MASSAGE  
**\$50.00** MANICURE, PEDICURE & 1 HOUR MASSAGE WITH SPA  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tel: 233-1200  
Coupon expires on June 30, 2011

**Hanamitsu Hotel & Spa**

**\$55/ Day** ROOM SPECIAL (1 DELUXE ROOM & FREE SPA)  
GIFT CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE

Tel: 233-1818  
Coupon expires on June 30, 2011





# Congratulations

## JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.

### on your 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!

*Cheers to your 62 years  
of excellent service!*

From the management and staff of



## SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC.

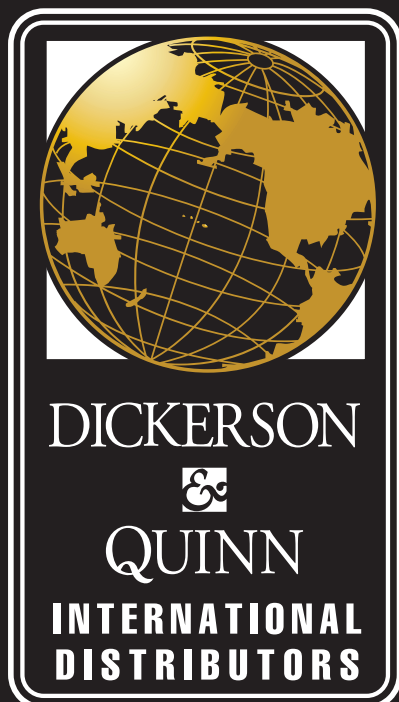
P.O. Box 500208, Commercial Port Saipan, MP 96950

### Telephone Numbers

Main Operations, Safety Terminal Office: 670-322-9240, 322-6469, 322-8569 • Fax: 670-322-8568

Security Office: 670-322-9540 • Fax: 670-322-0379

Email address: saisteve@pticom.com • Website: www.saisteve.com



A Tan Holdings Company

DISTRIBUTORS OF  
TOP SELLING CONSUMER  
PRODUCTS TO  
GUAM, SAIPAN AND MICRONESIA.

## CONGRATULATIONS

# JOETEN ENTERPRISES

### ON YOUR 62ND ANNIVERSARY!



Procter & Gamble®

Kellogg's®

Campbell's®

Real Fresh®

KRAFT®



Beach Cliff®

TREETOP®

U.S. Smokeless  
TOBACCO CO.

Reynolds  
Packaging Group

DURACELL®

Gillette®

E&J. Gallo Winery

D&Q PO Box 504462, Saipan, MP 96950

Tel (670) 322-2706

Fax (670) 322-2711



# Business

## Struggling US economy causes Asian markets to slip

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Signs that the U.S. economy may be struggling dampened investor sentiment in Asia on Thursday.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 0.2 percent to 23,271.31. On mainland China, the Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.2 percent to 2,860.48, while the smaller Shenzhen Composite Index rose 0.1 percent to 1,188.63. Australia's S&P ASX 200 fell 0.1 percent to 4,738.10.

Benchmarks in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and New

Zealand also fell, but Taiwan's TAIEX bucked the trend and rose 0.8 percent to 9,016.06. Markets in South Korea and Japan were closed for a holiday.

On Wall Street on Wednesday, stocks fell after payroll processor ADP said companies added 179,000 new jobs in April—far fewer than economists had expected. That raised worries about what the government's monthly jobs report for April will reveal when it is released Friday.

In a separate report, the Institute for Supply Management

said its service sector index rose at the slowest pace in 8 months in April, as many companies express concerns about higher food and gas prices.

The U.S. service industry employs about 90 percent of the U.S. work force, so signs of a slowdown in the service sector index have implications for the overall economy.

Oil dropped below \$110 per barrel Wednesday after a U.S. government report showed that supplies of petroleum products are growing as demand weakened in the U.S.

Benchmark crude for June delivery dropped 60 cents to \$108.64 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday. The contract lost \$1.81 to settle at \$109.24 per barrel on Wednesday.

Signs that the U.S. economic recovery is slowing also dragged down oil prices, which hurts the energy companies whose fortunes depend on them.

Hong Kong-listed shares of PetroChina, China's biggest oil and gas company, lost 1.9 percent while China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., Asia's biggest

refiner, slipped 0.8 percent.

But shares in airlines, which benefit from lower oil prices, were up. China Eastern Airlines Corp. Ltd. rose 2.4 percent; China Southern Airlines Co. Ltd. was 2 percent higher. Taiwan's EVA Airways Corp. was 0.7 percent higher.

Shares of Hong Kong-listed Zijin Mining Group, China's biggest gold miner, dropped 1.9 percent, a day after a court in southeastern China ordered the company to pay a \$4.6 million fine for toxic mine spills at the Zijinshan Gold and Copper

Mine nearly a year ago.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 0.7 percent to close at 12,723.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.7 percent to 1,347.32. The Nasdaq composite index fell 0.5 percent to 2,828.23.

In currencies, the euro dropped to \$1.4840 from \$1.4849 late Wednesday in New York. Earlier Wednesday the dollar fell to \$1.4942 - its lowest point since December 2009.

The dollar weakened against Japan's currency to 80.44 yen from 80.58 yen.

## Property records give new insights into bin Laden

**ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan (AP)**—The Pakistani who owned the compound that was Osama bin Laden's final hideaway meticulously bought up adjoining plots of land over two years and once cryptically told a seller that the property he bought for "an uncle" had become very valuable.

The new information that emerged Wednesday provided a new glimpse of one of two key figures who sheltered bin Laden in his last years and whose identities remain one of the biggest mysteries surrounding the al-Qaida chief.

At the same time, Pakistan stepped up its attempt to convince the world that it didn't know where bin Laden was located. They maintain that the al-Qaida leader's ability to hide in Abbottabad, an army town just two hours drive from the capital, was the result of an oversight by the government, not double dealing.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said Wednesday that anyone who claimed his country hid bin Laden was "color blind."

During a visit to Paris, Gilani said that Pakistan shared intelligence with numerous countries in the fight against terrorism and had "excellent cooperation"

with the United States. He said that "if we have failed, it means everybody failed," and an investigation would be ordered.

Many countries have expressed disbelief that bin Laden could have holed up under the Pakistani army's nose, and some U.S. Congressmen have said the U.S. should consider cutting billions of dollars in aid to the country if it turns out Pakistan knew where he was located. U.S. officials have long criticized Pakistan, a key but difficult ally, for failing to target Islamist militants on its territory.

Property records obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday show that a man named Mohammed Arshad bought the land in Abbottabad where bin Laden's compound was built. He bought the adjoining plots in four stages between 2004 and 2005 and paid \$48,000.

Qazi Mahfooz Ul Haq, a doctor, told the AP that he sold a plot of land to Arshad in 2005. He said the buyer was a sturdily built man who had a tuft of hair under his lower lip. He spoke with an accent that sounded like it was from Waziristan, a tribal region close to Afghanistan that is home to many al-Qaida operatives.



*Congratulations for all the hard work that has brought you to this profitable business milestone. We applaud your continuing efforts to provide our island home best and quality products and services, and wish you continued success in the years to come.*

**JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

Congratulations on your  
**62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!**

From the management and staff of

**MICRONESIAN BROKERS (CNMI), INC.**

P.O. Box 504479, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel.: (670) 322-3018 • Fax: (670) 322-0317

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### **GM says it's recalling 2011 Chevrolet Cruze**

**DETROIT (AP)**—General Motors is recalling about 150,000 2011 Chevrolet Cruze compact sedans to verify their steering shafts were installed properly. The automaker said Wednesday it wants to inspect the intermediate steering shaft covers in Cruze models to make sure they were properly installed. The cars were built in Lordstown, Ohio, and sold in the U.S. and Canada. About 120,000 of the recalled vehicles with automatic transmission will also be checked for proper installation of the transmission shift linkage.

#### **South Korea ratifies EU free trade deal**

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—South Korea's ruling party rammed the country's free trade agreement with the European Union through parliament amid an opposition boycott in a result that now paves the way for the tariff-slashing accord to take effect as early as July. The approval came in a one-sided late night vote Wednesday that was pushed through the National Assembly by the Grand National Party against opposition wishes. EU lawmakers approved the deal earlier this year.



**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE**

**Johnson & Johnson**

**WRIGLEY'S**



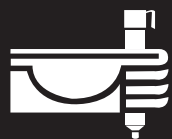




# Congratulations

to  
**JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.**  
on your  
**62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!**

From the Staff and Management of



## National Office Supply

Beach Road, South Garapan, Saipan • Tel. Nos. (670) 234-3197 to 9 • Store Fax No. (670) 235-3373 Office Fax No. (670) 234-3549

Guam Store: South Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning • Tel. Nos. (671) 734-0312/16 • Branch: Manhattan Plaza Building, Harmon • Tel. Nos. (671) 648-1008/09



## Nation

### Officials: SEALs thought bin Laden threatening

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama ordered grisly photographs of Osama bin Laden in death sealed from public view on Wednesday, declaring, “We don’t need to spike the football” in triumph after this week’s daring middle-of-the-night raid. The terrorist leader was killed by American commandos who burst into his room and feared he was reaching for a nearby weapon, U.S. officials said.

Several weapons were found in the room where the terror chief died, including AK-47 assault rifles and side arms, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they offered the most recent in a series of increasingly detailed and sometimes-shifting accounts of bin Laden’s final minutes after a decade on the run.

Obama said releasing the photographs taken by the Navy SEAL raiders was “not who we are” as a country. Though some may deny his death, “the fact of the matter is you will not see bin Laden walking this earth again,” the president said in an interview taped for CBS’ “60 Minutes.”

He said any release of the photos could become a propaganda tool for bin Laden’s adherents eager to incite violence.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said the president’s decision applied to photographs of bin Laden, said to show a portion of his skull blown away from a gunshot wound to the area of his left eye, as well as to a video recording of his burial several hours later in the North Arabian Sea.

The president made no public remarks during the day about the raid, apart from the taped interview. But he arranged a visit for Thursday to ground zero in Manhattan, where the World Trade Center twin towers once stood.

After two days of shifting accounts of the dramatic raid, Carney said he would no longer provide details of the 40-minute operation by the team of elite Navy SEALs. That left unresolved numerous mysteries, prominent among them an exact accounting of bin Laden’s demise. Officials have said he was unarmed but resisted when an unknown number of commandos burst into his room inside the high-security compound.

The officials who gave the latest details said a U.S. commando grabbed a woman who charged toward the SEALs inside the room. They said the raiders were concerned that she might be wearing a suicide vest.

### Anxiety rises along the flood-swollen Mississippi

HICKMAN, Ky. (AP)—People along the lower Mississippi River and its tributaries packed their belongings and emergency workers feverishly filled sandbags as high water pushed its way downstream Wednesday in a slow-motion disaster that could break flood records dating to the 1920s.

From Illinois to Mississippi, thousands of people have already been forced from their homes, and anxiety is rising along with the mighty river, even though it could be a week or two before some of the most severe flooding hits.

“I’ve never seen it this bad,” said 78-year-old Joe Harrison, who has lived in the same house in Hickman since he was 11 months old. Floodwaters from the Mississippi turned his house into an island—dry but surrounded by water. He has been using a boat to get to his car, parked on dry ground along a highway that runs by his house.

Up and down the Big Muddy, farmers braced for a repeat of the desperate strategy employed earlier this week in Missouri, where Army engineers blew up a levee and sacrificed vast stretches of farmland to protect populated areas upstream.

Forecasters and emergency officials said some of the high-water records set during the great floods of 1927 and 1937 could fall. On Wednesday, for example, the Mississippi eclipsed the 46-foot mark set in 1937 in Caruthersville, Mo., and the water was still rising, with a crest of 49.5 feet forecast for Sunday.

But because of the system of levees and locks built since those disasters more than 70 years ago, the flooding this time is unlikely to be anywhere near as devastating as it was back then.

“We have a high confidence in our levees, but in the sense of transparency, we have to say that the levees have not been tested,” Shelby County Emergency Management Director Bob Nations said in Memphis, Tenn.

Tom Salem, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Memphis, said flooding is extreme this year in part because of drenching rain over the past two weeks. In some areas, Wednesday was the first day without rain since April 25.

“It’s been a massive amount of rain for a long period of time. And we’re still getting snowmelt from Montana,” Salem said.

# Congratulations



## JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.

on your **62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!**

FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF



## C & R Corporation

(GUAM & SAIPAN)





# Asia

## Afghan Taliban likely to rethink ties to al-Qaida

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Now that Osama bin Laden is dead, some analysts are speculating that al-Qaida and its Afghan Taliban allies could go their separate ways, increasing the chances for a negotiated settlement in Afghanistan.

Osama bin Laden's death is likely to revive a debate within the Afghan Taliban about their

ties to al-Qaida—a union the U.S. insists must end if the insurgents want to talk peace.

The foundation of their relationship is believed to be rooted in bin Laden's long friendship with the Taliban's reclusive one-eyed leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, who might now find it more palatable to break with al-Qa-

ida and negotiate a settlement to the war. Much may depend on the newly chastened power-broker next door: Pakistan.

"I think now is an opportunity for the Taliban to end their relations with al-Qaida," said Waheed Muzhda, a Kabul-based analyst and former foreign ministry official under the Taliban regime that was toppled in late 2001.

Zabiullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Afghan Taliban, said it was too early to comment.

But the death of the world's

top terrorist gives momentum toward finding a political solution to the nearly decade-long war, according to analysts familiar with U.S. officials' stepped-up effort this year to push a peace agenda.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai and the Obama administration have said they will negotiate with any member of the Taliban who embraces the Afghan constitution, renounces violence and severs ties with al-Qaida. Informal contacts have been made in recent months with high-ranking Taliban fig-

ures, but no formal peace talks are under way.

The possible opportunity comes just as the spring fighting season is kicking into gear. The U.S.-led coalition hopes to hold ground in southern Afghanistan gained as a result of the addition last year of an extra 30,000 American troops. The Taliban's goal remains undermining the Afghan government, discrediting its security forces and driving the nearly 100,000 U.S. troops and other foreign forces out of the country.

Even before bin Laden was killed by Navy SEALs at a compound in Pakistan on Monday, the links between the al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban had weakened during the 10 years since the Sept. 11 attacks, Muzhda said. Mullah Omar's refusal to hand over bin Laden after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon prompted the U.S.-led assault on Afghanistan that ousted the Taliban from power. By siding with bin Laden, Mullah Omar's hardline regime lost control of the nation.

## Workers enter stricken nuclear reactor building

**TOKYO (AP)**—Workers entered one of the damaged reactor buildings at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant Thursday for the first time since it was rocked by an explosion in the days after a devastating earthquake, the country's nuclear safety agency said.

The plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., said workers are connecting ventilation equipment in Unit 1 in an attempt to absorb radiation from the air inside the building. The work is expected to take about four or five days.

The utility must lower radiation levels inside the reactor before it can proceed with the key step of installing a cooling system that was knocked out by the March 11 quake and subsequent tsunami that left more than 25,000 people dead or missing along Japan's northeastern coast.

Workers have not been able to enter the reactor buildings at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, about 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, since the first days after the tsunami. Hydrogen explosions at four of the buildings at the six-reactor complex in the first few days destroyed some of their roofs

and walls and scattered radioactive debris.

In mid-April, a robot recorded radioactivity readings of about 50 millisieverts per hour inside Unit 1's reactor building—a level too high for workers to realistically enter.

The decision to send the workers in was made after robots last Friday collected fresh data that showed radiation levels had fallen in some areas of the reactor, said Taisuke Tomikawa, a spokesman for TEPCO.

Two workers entered the reactor building around 11:30 am (0230GMT). Due to the high radioactivity, teams were expected to go into the building on a rotation for short periods, Tomikawa said.

"This is an effort to improve the environment inside the reactor building," he said.

Japanese authorities more than doubled the legal limit of radiation exposure for nuclear workers since the crisis began to 250 millisieverts a year. Workers in the U.S. nuclear industry are allowed an upper limit of 50 millisieverts per year. Doctors say radiation sickness sets in at 1,000 millisieverts and includes nausea and vomiting.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### ADB: 3 billion more Asians may be affluent by 2050

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Some 3 billion Asians could rise to affluent status by 2050 if Asia sustains its present growth momentum and avoids being trapped at middle income levels, according to an Asian Development Bank report. The report released Wednesday said as the global economy's center of gravity shifts toward Asia, the region could account for about half of world economic output in 2050, up from the current 27 percent, as well as half of trade and investment. Under an optimistic "Asian Century" scenario, the region's gross domestic product would soar to \$148 trillion by mid-century. GDP per person on a purchasing power parity basis would climb to \$38,600 compared with the projected 2050

global average of \$36,600.

#### Last World War I combat vet dies in Australia

**SYDNEY (AP)**—Claude Stanley Choules, the last known combat veteran of World War I, died Thursday at a nursing home in the Western Australia city of Perth, his family said. He was 110. Beloved for his wry sense of humor and humble nature, the British-born Choules—nicknamed "Chuckles" by his comrades in the Australian Navy—never liked to fuss over his achievements, which included a 41-year military career and the publication of his first book at the age of 108. "We all loved him," his 84-year-old daughter Daphne Edinger told The Associated Press. "It's going to be sad to think of him not being here any longer, but that's the way things go."

# Congratulations on your 62nd Anniversary!



On behalf of our employees and management team around the region, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends at Joeten Enterprises, Inc. best wishes on another milestone anniversary.

 **Tan Holdings**  
www.tanholdings.com



## World

# Libyan govt shelling kills 4 as aid ship docks

**MISRATA, Libya (AP)**—Moammar Gadhafi's forces showered the port area of this besieged rebel city with rockets just minutes after an international aid ship docked there Wednesday, killing four people as part of the regime's increasingly bloody attempt to choke off Misrata's remaining lifeline.

The attack caused panic among hundreds of stranded migrant workers and fleeing Libyans who were trying to board the Red Star One, a ferry chartered by the International Organization for Migration. In the chaos, some families were separated and the boat had to redock twice to sort it all out.

The timing of the shelling suggested Libyan forces were deliberately trying to disrupt the evacuation. Othman Belbeisi, an IOM official, said rockets started flying just minutes after he and others first stepped off the ferry. "The whole place was shaking and people started running in different directions," he said.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the regime should cease hostilities in Misrata port and allow the IOM to provide relief to civilians caught in the fighting.

He said the U.S. was making available an additional \$6.5 million in assistance to IOM to help evacuate people from Misrata and

for other operations in Libya.

On Tuesday, a senior Libyan official said the Libyan army would do what is necessary to block sea access to Misrata, already besieged by land for the past two months. Last week, Gadhafi's troops were caught laying sea mines, disrupting shipping as NATO struggled

to clear a safe access route to Misrata's port. The Red Star One had waited at sea for three days before risking the approach on Wednesday, aided by a tug boat.

Misrata is the main rebel stronghold in western Libya, which remains largely under Gadhafi's control, while the rebels have been holding on to most of the east. Since the uprising against Gadhafi broke out in mid-February, the two sides have largely been locked in a stalemate. The international community's bombing campaign, launched in mid-March, has kept Gadhafi's forces from advancing to the east, but has failed to give the rebels a clear battlefield advantage.

## Bin Laden death prompts questions about legality

**GENEVA (AP)**—The legality of U.S. forces shooting an unarmed Osama bin Laden hinges on a highly contentious and long-debated question: Is anti-terrorism part of a military campaign or a law-enforcement effort?

In war, enemy combatants who don't explicitly surrender are considered legitimate targets, international experts said. Bin Laden's killing in a military context would be legal under

the scenario officially put out by the White House Wednesday—that bin Laden was unarmed but tried to resist being taken in.

In contrast, international human rights law dictates that police must use the greatest possible effort to capture suspects alive, barring direct threats to the lives of officers or civilians.

"There is a higher obligation not to use lethal force," said Andrea Prasow, senior counsel in Human Rights Watch's Terrorism

and Counterterrorism Program.

"We don't have enough facts to know whether the killing was justified under international law," Prasow told AP. "We look forward to the U.S. government disclosing further information so we can understand exactly what happened. It may well have been a lawful killing in an armed conflict situation or it may have been a lawful killing in a law enforcement context."

The Obama administration

strongly emphasized Wednesday that bin Laden's slaying by a Navy SEAL team was part of a legitimate military operation, with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder telling the Senate Judiciary Committee that the shooting was justified as an action of "national self-defense" against a lawful military target. Noting that bin Laden had admitted his involvement in the events of Sept. 11 nearly a decade ago, he said, "It's lawful to target an enemy commander in the field."

The U.S. position appeared

to strengthen during the day as U.S. officials told The Associated Press that the SEALs killed bin Laden after they saw him appear to lunge for a weapon.

The officials, who were briefed on the operation, say several weapons were found in the room where the terror chief died, including AK-47s and personal side arms.

International experts said there was widespread disagreement about whether al-Qaida members such as bin Laden are legitimate military targets.

## 11 bodies found in Mexico pits, total now 121

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Investigators in the northern Mexico state of Durango said they found the remains of 10 men and one woman in mass graves in the state capital Wednesday, bringing the total of bodies recovered there to 121.

The Durango state prosecutors' office said in a statement that the remains were uncovered by military personnel who have been excavating at about four sites in the city, which is also known as Durango.

The search has been under way for about a month at pits where drug gangs are believed to have buried victims.

The Durango graves are the second such discovery in a month. A total of 183 bodies have been unearthed in 40 pits in the northeastern border state of Tamaulipas.

Mass graves have become an increasingly common discovery in Mexico, with drug cartels using the sites to dispose of enemies and other victims amid increased fighting among rival gangs. More than 34,600 people have died in drug-related violence since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of federal security forces four years ago to fight traffickers.

Authorities in Durango state say the discovery of mass graves there has not brought out many relatives of missing people, perhaps because families are too frightened to come forward.

As Mexicans braced for demonstrations scheduled for the weekend to protest ongoing violence associated with the anti-drug offensive, Calderon issued an impassioned appeal in a televised speech Wednesday for Mexicans to stick with fight, though he acknowledged it will take time.

 **pacifica**  
Insurance  
Underwriters, Inc.

Congratulations  
on your **62<sup>nd</sup>**  
Anniversary!



### Offering all lines of Insurance:

► **Auto Insurance:**  
mandatory liability | full coverage

► **Personal or Commercial:**  
health | life | accident & disability

► **Property Coverage for:**  
home | apartment  
rental | commercial lease

General Agents for:



TOKIO MARINE  
PACIFIC



Century Insurance  
A TanHoldings Company

Joeten Center, Beach Road, Susupe  
tel: 234-6267 • fax: 234-5880  
e-mail: piui@pacificains.com



**WORLD BRIEFS****Blast kills 9 in Yemen, including 5 soldiers**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)**—An explosion on Wednesday ripped through a Yemeni military vehicle in the south, killing five soldiers, while another four civilians died in the ensuing firefight. The blast hit the vehicle close to a busy market selling qat, the mildly stimulating leaf that Yemenis addictively chew in a province known as a stronghold for the local branch of the al-Qaida militant group. "We heard the sound of explosions and saw fire coming out of the car. The soldiers were lying on the ground," said eyewitness Ali Dahmash.

**Palestinian deal ends rift, hurts peace prospects**

**CAIRO (AP)**—Rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas signed a landmark reconciliation pact on Wednesday, ending a four-year rift that had divided the territory envisioned for a future Palestinian state. The deal plunged Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking deeper into uncertainty as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called it a "mortal blow to peace." The agreement, which followed years of bitter acrimony between the two Palestinian movements, was made possible in large measure by the political changes sweeping the Arab world and the deadlock in U.S.-brokered peace talks with Israel.

**Clashes in Sudan kill 20 near border, oil regions**

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)**—Renewed fighting in Sudan's most contested border region and in a strategic oil-rich state has left at least 20 people dead, and a top official said Wednesday he feared more attacks in the weeks leading up to Southern Sudan's independence in July. Deng Arop Kuol, the chief administrator in the disputed border region of Abyei, said a northern Sudanese army convoy was stopped at a police checkpoint on Sunday while attempting to move south through the area without permission from his government. He said at least 12 people were killed in the resulting firefight between the two sides.

**Kosovo hunters shoot dogs at city's request**

**PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP)**—The video was shocking: Wounded dogs yelping in pain as they tried to escape the hunters gunning them down. Authorities in Kosovo's capital of Pristina say 190 street dogs have been shot and killed in the first three weeks of a culling campaign that has been harshly criticized by animal lovers. Urban areas in the tiny Balkan nation, which declared independence from Serbia in 2008, have been plagued by packs of dogs that often attack people. An infant died last year after being bitten by several dogs, sparking calls for authorities to do something.



Happy 62nd Anniversary!

From the management and staff of

*Hafa Adai!*

**Saipan Tribune**

CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER



**Joe's BAR**

(formerly Remington Club in Garapan)

**Tequila and Oyster Night**

**THIS FRIDAY, MAY 6TH**  
**5:30PM TO 8:00PM**

Live Entertainment by  
**Marvin Deleon Guerrero**

For Reservation, Please Call 233-5367  
Doors Open at 4:30pm.



**DISPENSERS**  
**NOW AVAILABLE**

@ SAIPAN ICE & WATER.

Your choice of:  
**Hot & Cold, Cold & Warm**  
**or Hot & Warm**

Contact Nico/Lito

**THAT'S NOT ALL**  
We welcome all schools for a  
**PLANT TOUR.**

Contact Lisa for schedule at  
**322-6130/9848**

**Sparkle Clean**  
Drinking Water  
Ozonated

**SAIPAN ICE & WATER CO., INC.**



# Off The Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Ashes of woman's grandmother stolen in car theft

ATLANTA (AP)—Someone stole a Georgia woman's car—with her grandmother's ashes inside—shortly after a memorial service for the deceased woman. Ebony Simpson had just returned to Georgia from

her grandmother's memorial service in Tennessee last week. The theft, first reported by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, happened when Simpson stopped at a Norcross grocery store on April 23 and briefly turned away from her shopping cart in the aisle. A few minutes later, she realized her keys were missing. Then, Simpson said, she went to the parking lot and

her car was gone.

### Police: Md. men pilfer antlers from Pa. NRA event

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Police are pointing at two exhibition workers in the theft of two massive sets of elk antlers following the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Investigators

say 46-year-old Gary Felts and 44-year-old Stephen Lee abducted the antlers Sunday night while a vendor at the convention center waited to load a truck. Police say the vendor reported the theft and the men were detained on a sidewalk outside with the antlers, valued at more than \$500,000. Felts, of Joppa, Md.; and Lee, of Cumberland, Md.; were charged with theft and conspiracy and released on \$5,000 bail. Phone listings for both men are disconnected. Police say they work for a Maryland-based expo company. The antlers were returned to the Rexburg, Idaho-based exhibitor.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A 10-foot-long alligator has taken a bite out of a Florida deputy sheriff's cruiser. Authorities say Alachua County Deputy Victor Borrero spotted the gator Saturday evening near the Gainesville Golf and Country Club. It attacked the patrol car while the deputy was waiting for an alligator trapper to show up. Sheriff's spokesman Todd Kelly says the car's front bumper was heavily damaged. A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman said the alligator was put down under the state's nuisance gator policy. Under that policy, the trapper is allowed to keep meat and hide from the gator.

### drops his trousers

VIENNA (AP)—An Austrian newspaper is reporting that a lawyer dropped his trousers during the questioning of his client by two female investigators, exposing his briefs. The Tiroler Tageszeitung said Wednesday the incident happened April 20 in a police station in the western hamlet of Mayrhofen. It says that after letting his suit trousers slip to his knees, the scantily-clad attorney, who was not identified, then sat on a desk in his white underwear with his back to the women. His client, the paper says, was apparently suspected of a sex crime. Regional criminal affairs chief Walter Pupp told The Associated Press the matter has been reported to the local bar association.

### 10-foot gator chomps on Fla. deputy's cruiser

Report: Austrian lawyer

## ALAI Summer Camp

1st Session: June 1 — 28, 2011  
2nd Session: July 5 — Aug. 2, 2011

Fee: \$300/session  
Time: 9:00am — 3:00pm

**Parents! Wondering what to do for your children this summer vacation?**  
**Kids! Wondering what to do with yourselves this summer vacation?**



ALAI Classes with fun activities and games



ALAI Camping: Wing Beach



ALAI Hiking: Talafofo Falls, Forbidden Island

**At ALAI Summer Camp, students can learn, sing, play, create, and have fun with our enthusiastic camp counselors!**

**School stops for summer. Learning never should!**  
Come in today and ask about our great program!

\*\*\* Limited space available so sign up today!  
For students 6—12 years old.



ALAI Activities: PIC Laser Tag, Beach Sports



**Advanced Language & Academic Institute (ALAI)**  
Located on the 2nd Floor of Payless Shoe Source  
Tel: 234-7944 • E-mail: allc.saipan@gmail.com



## How is your baby growing?

If your child displays any of the following signs of possible developmental delay, talk to your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about it:

### Developmental Health Watch

#### 19 Months to 2 Years (24 Months)

- Fails to develop a mature heel-toe walking pattern after several months of walking, or walks only on his toes
- Cannot climb onto and down from furniture unsupported
- Cannot recognize names of familiar people, objects, and body parts
- Does not speak at least 15 words
- Does not use two-word sentences by age 2
- Does not imitate actions or words by the end of this period
- Does not follow simple instructions by age 2
- Cannot find objects when hidden under 2 or 3 covers
- Cannot push a wheeled toy by age 2
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had



## Learn the Signs. Act Early.


You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C\*DAC)** at

## 664-4830

for a **FREE** developmental screening!

Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early. Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.





American Red Cross

## Services to the Armed Forces

U.S. Military Service Members: Active, Reserve, Guard, Veterans  
The Red Cross invites you to attend a

### Health & Well Being Workshop

- Red Cross "Get to Know us" Briefing
- Veterans Affairs - Ruth Coleman
- Medical Associates of the Pacific, LLC. - VA Clinic
- VFW - Post Commander


Saturday, May 28, 2011

At the Pacific Islands Club, Saipan

Charley's Cabaret, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Workshop, breakfast, lunch, and park passes will be provided free of charge for all qualified Military Service Members (DD-214).  
Military Service Members are allowed to bring **2 dependents**.  
Space is limited, please sign-up today.

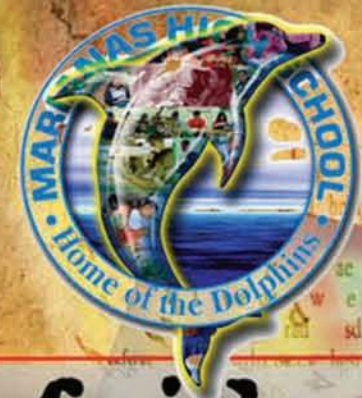
For more information or to register call or email:  
Le'ah A. Murphy, Red Cross SAF Coordinator  
Tel: 234-3459  
Email: leah.murphy670@gmail.com





# **MHS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEGA-MEETING**

## **MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL**



**The shaping of ideas**

**DATE: MAY 7TH SATURDAY  
FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00PM THIS IS IT!**

**AT THE MHS GYMNASIUM**

**If you've never come to a PTA meeting, if you've never known what it's like for your child to attend school on a 40 year old campus...you'll want to come to this meeting.**

**Marianas High School, under the leadership of Mr. Craig H. Garrison as Principal, is already undergoing significant change. Come to this PTA meeting and find out what's planned for your child's school and the educational program.**

**Don't miss this opportunity to witness the change!  
It's happening now...we need you to be a part of it.**

**See the improvements, hear the testimony, listen as Mr. Garrison tells us the truth about what is happening at MHS and what the future of education looks like for our children. Envision our future campus as he reveals through video and powerpoint technology the plans for the New Performing Arts Theatre, Expanded Parking Access, The Center for Digital Media and Visual Art, The PSS Center for Advanced Placement Studies, The New Dolphin BAND program, the New PSS Alternative Education Center, and more...all of which will begin during this year so don't miss it!... you've got to come to this event!**



# Science & Technology

## For computer chip builders, only one way to go: Up

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the race to build a faster computer chip, there is literally nowhere to go but up. Today's chip

surfaces are packed with the tiniest electronic switches the laws of physics allow, but Intel Corp. says it is blowing past those lim-

its with a breakthrough, three-dimensional transistor design it revealed Wednesday.

Analysts call it one of the

most significant developments in silicon transistor design since the integrated circuit was invented in the 1950s. It

opens the way for faster smartphones, lighter laptops and a new generation of supercomputers—and possibly for powerful new products engineers have yet to dream up.

Minuscule fins jutting from the surface of the typically flat transistors improve performance without adding size, just as skyscrapers make the most of a small square of land.

Computers are already doing things that were almost unimaginable when Intel co-founder Gordon Moore made his famous prediction in 1965 that computers should double in power every two years. The axiom, known as Moore's Law, has held true ever since as computers have gotten cheaper, smaller and more powerful.

## Happy Mother's Day

Treat your mom to fine dining.  
Choose from any of these set menu specials

T-Bone Steak  
Salmon  
Lamb Curry  
Baked Potato or Rice  
Naan or Bhattura  
Soup  
Salad

**\$39.95**

Tandoori Chicken  
Chicken Tikka  
Sheek Kabab  
Pumkin Curry  
Naan or Bhattura  
Soup  
Salad

**\$29.95**

Fried Fish  
Barbeque Short Ribs  
Tinaktak  
Saibug Banana  
Red or White Rice  
Soup  
Salad

**\$29.95**

OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DINER

ALL MOTHER'S GET A FREE GIFT, CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

**Templa** TASTE OF INDIA

THE CHAMOLINIAN'S MIX. ISLAND STYLE FINE DINING AUTHENTIC INDIAN CUISINE

Located on Middle Road Chalan Lau Lau, Next to IT&E/Tel: 234-8448

## Keyboard shortcuts ease computer use

By ANNE KRISHNAN  
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

**QUESTION:** When I go to some websites, I have no way of driving my printer from the page or tool bar. There is absolutely no entry to the printer on the site. Is there a key on the keyboard for printing?—B.G., Raleigh, N.C.

**ANSWER:** Printing is one of many functions that can be accessed via keyboard shortcuts. Just hold down two (or three) keys simultaneously and presto—you can perform your function without having to right-click or mouse through windows.

Here are a few you should know. Please note: These are Windows shortcuts; Mac keyboard shortcuts generally use the command key rather than control.

- Print: CTRL+P
- Copy: CTRL+C
- Cut: CTRL+X
- Paste: CTRL+V
- Save: CTRL+S
- Open document: CTRL+O
- Create document: CTRL+N

- Undo an action: CTRL+Z
- Redo an action: CTRL+Y
- Select all: CTRL+A
- Close program (good if you have popup ads that could be malware): ALT+F4

Find more shortcuts for both Mac and Windows at <http://www.tinyurl.com/geekshortcuts/>.

■ ■ ■ ■

**Q:** Will keeping my laptop in a computer armoire cause it to burn up? The doors are usually open during the day, the computer automatically goes to sleep when not in use, and I turn it off at night.—S.P., Baton Rouge, La.

**A:** The key is to make sure that heat dissipates from the laptop in a reasonable amount of time.

As long as your computer is getting adequate ventilation around and under it in the computer armoire, the risk of combustion should be low. The greater danger would be leaving it on a soft surface such as your couch or a pillow, which prevents air from circulating underneath.

Saipan, Tinian and Rota!



### Registration Information:

**Saipan:** 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – I3 Fisherman Pavilion

**Tinian:** 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Tachog'na Beach

**Rota:** 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – RHI Ball Field (Teno'te Chapel)



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Department of Public Health  
Division of Public Health



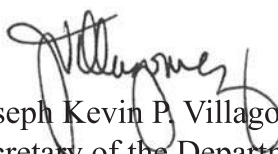
## ANNOUNCEMENT

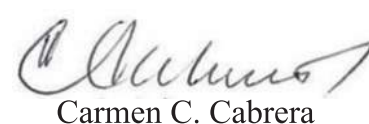
The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for Tinian Vendors only. Applications may be picked up at the CNMI WIC Administrative Building located in Navy Hill, Saipan, Building No. N-25 or may be downloaded online by visiting our website at [www.cnmiwic.org](http://www.cnmiwic.org). The Vendor Selection Criteria is attached to the application and may also be viewed on the website.

All applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m., May 06, 2011. Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications and requirements are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4067, by email at [fabianu@cnmiwic.org](mailto:fabianu@cnmiwic.org) or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

  
Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez  
Secretary of the Department  
of Public Health

  
Carmen C. Cabrera  
CNMI WIC Program,  
Administrator





## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-020

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Administration and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-020, Lease of Office Space CUC's Administration and Operation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on **May 19, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **May 9, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-025

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POWER DIVISION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-025, Lease of Office Space, Power Division, T&D"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (ChST) local time on **May 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on May 9, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-028 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy generated from commercially proven Solar Photovoltaic System (SPS) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one, or more, respondent(s) to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install generation SPS facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational SPS Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The Scope-of-Services will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **May 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base Industrial Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-028 Solar Photovoltaic Generation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net) or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **June 14, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net); Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net); and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via address email [wallon59@yahoo.com](mailto:wallon59@yahoo.com). CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-11-033

#### CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE BUILDING

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced construction firms for the construction of CUC Pre-Supplied Building in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The general work requirement includes the construction of foundation and assembly of pre-supplied/fabricated metal building structure.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-033, Construction of Warehouse Building, CUC Rota" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 02, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A pre-bid conference, followed by a site visit, will be held on **Monday May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo II, Rota.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current Federal minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) with a copy to Ms. Sherri Hadley, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email [sherri\\_hadley@cucgov.net](mailto:sherri_hadley@cucgov.net); Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota - [charles@cucgov.net](mailto:charles@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the Invitation for Bids in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director





# PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-DPW/ED-085

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 09, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

### "FINANCIAL GRADE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT, ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION UTILIZING AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT"

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **MAY 06, 2011** AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD, THIRD (3RD) FLOOR, MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA #315, SUSUPE, SAIPAN OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL TO [cuc\\_energy\\_efficiency@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:cuc_energy_efficiency@recovery.gov.mp) DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A **MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** IS SCHEDULED FOR **10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 24, 2011** AT THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA E-MAIL TO ALFREDA CAMACHO, OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD AT [alfreda.camacho@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:alfreda.camacho@recovery.gov.mp) OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3016 NO LATER THAN **5:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 27, 2011**.

**THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.**

/s/ **MARTIN C. SABLAN**  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/ **MICHAEL J. ADA**  
CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD

/s/ **THELMA B. INOS**  
DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY



**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**  
Tel. (670) 234-6866, 234-9447, 234-7689, 234-7670 • Fax. (670) 234-9021, 233-6870  
Email: [nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp](mailto:nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp) • Website: <http://www.nmhc.gov.mp>



### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Reprogram from	Reprogram to
2009	421	Public Facilities	Saipan Southern High Swim For Life Instructional Pool	Postponed	\$232,558.00	
2009	422	Public Facilities	Carolinian Cultural Center	Postponed	\$397,700.00	
2010	466	Public Facilities	Rehabilitation of the Dan Dan Children's Park	Ongoing	\$242.00	
2009/2010		Public Facilities	Purchase of a 500,000 Gallon Fuel Storage Tank	New		\$630,500.00
Total					\$630,500.00	\$630,500.00

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., June 5, 2011 at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Jeannie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ **Marcie M. Tomokane**  
Chairwoman

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-11-035

### SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Security Guard Services for various posts at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Services may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such CNMI and Federal labor laws and remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-035, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net). Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Bid award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to all specification and requirements.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), on May 16, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net) with a copy to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer- [charles\\_warren@cucgov.net](mailto:charles_warren@cucgov.net) and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - [mika\\_muna@cucgov.net](mailto:mika_muna@cucgov.net).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**ABE UTU MALAE**  
Executive Director

# Life & Style

## 'Idol' finalists try current, classic tunes



AP

In this April 28, 2011 photo released by FOX, the remaining contestants on the singing competition series, "American Idol," clockwise from back row left, James Durbin, Lauren Alaina, Jacob Lusk, Scotty McCreery and Hayley Reinhart are shown in Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Lauren Alaina was anything but flat on "American Idol."

The soaring 16-year-old songstress of Rossville, Ga., impressed the Fox talent competition's judges with both her performances on Wednesday's serving of current and classic songs. An energized Alaina first strutted to Carrie Underwood's

"Flat on the Floor" before delivering a surprisingly elegant take on The Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody."

"This girl can sing like a bird," proclaimed Randy Jackson.

James Durbin, the wailing 22-year-old rocker of Santa Cruz, Calif., who was proclaimed the contest's front-runner last week, again wowed the panel

with his choices. He blasted off at the beginning of the show with 30 Seconds to Mars' "Closer to the Edge" and later landed an emotional rendition of Harry Nilsson's "Without You," which brought him to tears.

"Every single week, I leave everything on this stage," pleaded Durbin. "Everything."

Scotty McCreery, the deep-voiced 17-year-old country crooner of Garner, N.C., also escaped receiving criticism from the panel after his gritty take on Montgomery Gentry's Southern rock track "Gone" and subtle rendition of Elvis Presley's "Always on My Mind." The judges were wowed with his frenetic energy on "Gone," which included a tiny lunge off the stage. "I saw you dance with the devil tonight, and that's a good thing for you," said Steven Tyler.

The judges weren't jumping for joy over Jacob Lusk's daring attempt to tackle both parts of "No Air," the pop duet of former "Idol" champion Jordin Sparks and Chris Brown. However, the booming 23-year-old vocalist from Compton, Calif., bounced back from that disaster with a tender take on "Love Hurts," the classic made famous by Nazareth and Roy Orbison.

"That might've been the highest note ever sung on this stage," said Jackson.

Haley Reinhart, the growling 20-year-old college student of Wheeling, Ill., also took a misstep. She confused the judges with her contemporary selection, Lady Gaga's unreleased "You and I," but impressed them with her well-known oldie, The Animals' version of "The House of the Rising Sun," which received a standing ovation from the panel and audience.

"That song has never been sung like that before," Jennifer Lopez teased after her sultry performance.

One of the five finalists will be eliminated Thursday with the 10th season "Idol" scheduled to be selected on the May 26 finale.



**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**  
P.O. BOX 500514, Saipan, MP 96950-0514  
Email: [nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp](mailto:nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp)  
Website: <http://www.nmhc.gov.mp>



### INVITATION FOR BID

(This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.)

BID SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 9, 2011 \* TIME: 10:00 AM

**NMHC IFB 2011-004 (A - D)**

#### "GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF NMHC'S PROPERTIES (LISTING A-D) IN SAIPAN"

Proposal packets will be available on April 4, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2011**, at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Section 8 Multi-Family Account.

/s/ **Marcie M. Tomokane**  
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan, Director**  
Division of Procurement & Supply

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

Board of Regents

### Special Board Meeting

Board of Regents Conference Room, NMC Saipan Campus

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

3:30pm

#### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. WASC Accreditation Update
  - B. Presidential Search
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 

(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- V. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ **Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla**  
Acting Chairperson, Board of Regents

May 6, 2011  
Date



# Spielberg's Lincoln movie to film in Va. this fall

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)**—Steven Spielberg has selected Virginia to film a biography of Abraham Lincoln starring Daniel Day-Lewis, elated state and local officials announced Wednesday.

Principal filming is scheduled to begin this fall at various historical locations in Petersburg and Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy. The film is scheduled for release in 2012. Sally Field will play Mary Todd Lincoln.

The Virginia Film Office said Spielberg, who has filmed twice before in Virginia, selected those two cities because of the abundance of historic properties that date to the period. The state also offered financial incentives totaling nearly \$5 million.

"Virginia is just teeming with historic heritage," said Mary Nelson, a spokeswoman for the film office. "We just have won-

derful architecture."

The film is based on the Doris Kearns Goodwin book "Team of Rivals," a 2005 best-seller that examines Lincoln's presidency and the Civil War. Tony Kushner will write the screenplay.

"Virginia's rich historic legacy, coupled with the remarkable period architecture found in Richmond and Petersburg, make central Virginia the ideal location for this production," Spielberg said in a statement released through the governor's office.

Gov. Bob McDonnell said the state is honored to be selected for Spielberg's highly anticipated film.

"It is especially notable coming during the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and emancipation," McDonnell said in a statement.



This April 24, 2003 file photo shows a statue of Abraham Lincoln and his son, Tad, against the downtown Richmond skyline at the National Battlefield Park in Richmond, Va. Steven Spielberg has selected Virginia to film a biography of Abraham Lincoln, starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln.

Spielberg had been scouting locations in Richmond and Petersburg over the past year or more. He has made at least one trip to the Museum of the Confederacy in downtown Richmond, also home to the former Confederate White House, and has been seen in an area restaurant. Lincoln visited the former White House after Richmond's fall.

On March 28, 1865, Lincoln met with the Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union armies, and Gen. William T. Sherman at City Point in Hopewell to discuss the closing phases of the war. Grant's headquarters during the Siege of Petersburg were located at the site, which overlooks the James and Appomattox Rivers. Nearby Petersburg still retains architecture, some with battle scars, from the Civil War.

## Dobrev warns of gut-wrenching 'Vampire' finale

**NEW YORK (AP)**—"Vampire Diaries" fans note: Nina Dobrev warns of a "gut-wrenching" season finale in which "people will die." Dobrev is not giving hints about who will go but predicts that "there will be a lot of tears" among the cast, crew and viewers of the CW hit.

The actress, who says the cast knows little more than the audience about writers' plans, says she was as surprised as anyone the key plotline involving a "sun and moon curse" turned out to be a ruse for character Klaus, who is scheming to become a vampire/werewolf hybrid.

"Trust me, when I read that script and looked at those pages and saw that everything that they've all been doing for the last two seasons really has been all made up and a big joke; broke my heart," she said.

Dobrev thinks it was a clever move to make Klaus appear more diabolical.

"It makes Klaus that much smarter and that much more clever and ahead of the game," she said. "It's like a puppet show and he's orchestrating the whole thing."

The actress also reveals that the cast has come up with their own, unofficial name for the hybrid: a "wampire."



In this Oct. 16, 2010 file photo, actress Nina Dobrev from the CW series, "Vampire Diaries," arrives at the Screen Awards in Los Angeles.

Dobrev co-stars with Ian Somerhalder and Paul Wesley, who play vampire brothers obsessed with her two characters on the show: the sweet human Elena and the evil vampire ancestor Katherine.

Because Elena and Katherine are both identified as doppelgangers, Dobrev says "it's assumed" she will eventually have to take on another role as their original. She acknowl-

edges, however, that she has "no idea" if that will happen.

"I didn't even know that I'd be playing Katherine when I signed on the project," she said. "It just popped up in the script one day and now there's mumbled about this third character because of the whole doppelganger thing."

The "Vampire Diaries" finale airs on the CW network on May 12 at 8 p.m. EDT.

## As Bush, Ferrell responds to bin Laden's death

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Will Ferrell has returned to his President George W. Bush impression, this time to respond to the death of Osama bin Laden.

In a Web video posted Wednesday on Funny Or Die, Ferrell's Bush sends his remarks from a Sizzler steak house in Texas. His message? He has personally overseen a "strategic and covert operation," killing a gopher that had been terrorizing his backyard.

The parody ends with the Bush character getting the news that bin Laden has been killed.



That makes "two good things," he says.

Ferrell's impression of Bush was popular on "Saturday Night Live." He resurrected it in a 2009 Broadway show, as well as in sporadic videos.

Watched by more than 110,000 by Wednesday afternoon, the video was rapidly gaining viewers.

Actor Will Ferrell attends a special screening of "Everything Must Go" during the 2011 Tribeca Film Festival on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in New York.

## HOLLYWOOD THEATERS

Don't just go to the movies. GO HOLLYWOOD!

Located near Price Costco in San Jose Saipan MP • 234-9000



\$5.75  
\$5.75  
\$4.50  
\$5.75  
\$5.75

**Bargain Matinees - All Shows Before 6PM**  
**All Day Admission For Seniors**  
**All Day Admission For Kids (ages 3-11)**  
**Student Admission with Valid I.D.**  
**Military with Valid I.D.**

**T TIMEWARP TUESDAY \$5.75** ALL SHOWS ALL DAY/NIGHT (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTED FEATURES)

RESERVE TICKETS ONLINE AT [www.gohollywood.com](http://www.gohollywood.com)



For Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK**



**NOW SHOWING**



**Thor**

Friday & Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:45  
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05  
Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

**Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman**  
Action • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

As the son of Odin (Anthony Hopkins), the king of the Norse gods, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is soon to inherit the throne of Asgard from his aging father. However, on the day that he is to be crowned, Thor reacts with brutality when the gods' enemies, the Frost Giants, enter the palace in violation of their treaty. As punishment, Odin banishes Thor to Earth. While Loki (Tom Hiddleston), Thor's brother, plots mischief in Asgard, Thor, now stripped of his powers, faces his greatest threat yet.



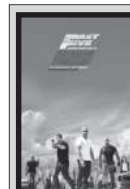
**Something Borrowed**

Friday & Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:40  
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25  
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

**Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin**  
Comedy drama • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Screenwriter Jennie Snyder Urman adapts author Emily Giffin's freshman novel to the screen with this romantic drama directed by Luke Greenfield. Darcy (Kate Hudson) is best friends with Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin), a successful New York City attorney. When Rachel forms a romantic connection with Darcy's fiancé, the fragile threads that connect the trio are tested. — Jason Buchanan, Rovi



**Fast Five**

Friday & Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00  
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15  
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

**Vin Diesel, Paul Walker**  
Action • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Director Justin Lin (The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, Fast & Furious) returns to the helm for this adrenaline-charged sequel reuniting series stars Vin Diesel and Paul Walker for their biggest thrill ride yet. With the police in hot pursuit and wanted fugitive Dom (Diesel) in tow, Brian (Walker) and Mia (Jordana Brewster) make their way to Rio, and realize they've run out of luck. In order to earn their freedom, they'll have to pull off their biggest job yet.



**Prom**

Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30  
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00  
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

**Aimee Teegarden, Thomas McDonell**  
Comedy drama • Rated PG



**Beastly**

Friday & Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55  
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30  
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

**Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens**  
Fantasy • Rated PG 13



**Madea's Big Happy Family**

Friday & Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:50  
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10  
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10

**Tyler Perry, Loretta Devine**  
Comedy drama • Rated PG 13



**Rio**

Friday & Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:35  
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20  
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20

**Anne Hathaway, will.i.am**  
Children's/family • Rated G

● NO PASSES ■ NO PASSES OR SUPER SAVERS

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE • R-RATED FILMS REQUIRE PHOTO I.D.

[www.gohollywood.com](http://www.gohollywood.com)



# Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon reveal baby names



AP  
In a March 7, 2010 file photo, Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon arrives at the 82nd Academy Awards, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Carey gave birth to twins, a baby girl and boy, Saturday morning April 30, 2011 at an undisclosed hospital in Los Angeles. Carey's representative, Cindi Berger, confirmed the births to The Associated Press.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon have revealed the names they've picked out for their newborn boy and girl: Moroccan and Monroe.

The couple chose to name their son Moroccan Scott Cannon after the Moroccan-inspired decor of the top tier of Carey's New York City apartment. The

so-called Moroccan Room is also where Cannon proposed. They picked the middle name Scott since it's both Cannon's middle name as well as his grandmother's maiden name.

The couple named their daughter Monroe Cannon after Marilyn Monroe, who has

inspired Carey. Unlike her brother, Monroe doesn't have a middle name because Carey doesn't have one either.

Carey and Cannon's twins were delivered Saturday in Los Angeles. The pair got married in 2007 after a whirlwind romance.

## Marie Osmond remarries first husband in Vegas

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Marie Osmond has remarried her first husband in a private ceremony at a Mormon temple in Las Vegas. Osmond said in a statement that the 51-year-old singer and 54-year-old Stephen Craig, a former professional basketball player wed on Wednesday. She says the day is special because it marks the birthdays of both her late mother and her late son Michael Bryan.



Osmond

Osmond says it was important for both relatives to be with her and her husband on their special day.

Bryan committed suicide last year.

Osmond wore the same Ret Turner wedding dress that she wore during her first ceremony with Craig.

The couple first married in 1982 but divorced three years later. They also have a 28-year-old son, Stephen.

# Charlie Sheen starts Ala. donations website

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)**—Two days after he walked through tornado rubble in Alabama, actor Charlie Sheen has begun an on-line campaign to raise money for storm victims.

The website named "Torpedos against Tornadoes" says that donations will be tax-deductible and will go to Alabama victims of the April 27 twisters that ripped through the South.

The name of the relief campaign is derived from Sheen's touring stage show "My Violent Torpedo of Truth."

Sheen visited tornado-damaged Tuscaloosa this week and pledged to organize a benefit event.



Charlie Sheen and Natty Kenly tour Tuscaloosa, Ala. on Monday, May 2, 2011 with Don Staley.

## Source: Gibson's ex drops violence claims in court

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A source says Mel Gibson's former girlfriend has told a judge hearing the couple's child custody dispute that she is dropping allegations that the Oscar-winner struck her during a fight last year.

The source who is familiar with the case says Oksana Grigorieva told a family law judge Wednesday that she was withdrawing all domestic violence allegations against Gibson from the case. Most of the case is sealed and the source spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the dispute.

The move doesn't affect a misdemeanor battery case in which the actor-director pleaded no contest in March. His plea didn't include an admission of guilt and cannot be used against him in a civil lawsuit. He remains on probation and is undergoing domestic violence counseling.

Gibson's attorney, Stephen Kolodny, declined comment.

## Keith Urban lends hand to Wis. salon owner

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—A Wisconsin hair salon owner is missing her signature storefront sculpture: a fiberglass hand shaped like a chair with images of country star Keith Urban.

Urban Style owner Denise Mackey-Natz says the hand was unbolted from its concrete block outside her store and stolen last month.

Urban heard about the theft and called Mackey-Natz. He's offering four tickets and four VIP passes to any show on his "Get Closer World Tour" to anyone with information that leads to finding the hand. The salon is offering a \$200 reward.

Mackey-Natz suspects college students stole it as a prank but says she just wants it back because it is so close to her heart.

She bought the hand three years ago for \$2,500 to benefit the Children's Museum of Eau Claire.

Urban's tour starts June 16 in Biloxi, Miss.



AP  
In this undated photo released by Janell Isaacson-Whitehouse, a fiberglass hand, an art installation meant as a tribute to country music singer Keith Urban is shown outside the Urban Style hair salon in Eau Claire, Wis.

# Man's need for reassurance is driving his wife away

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "James," constantly tells me he loves me, but I don't think I love him. I'm sure most women would love having a man tell them he loves them all the time, but it drives me up a wall. If I walk into a room, James says he loves me. If I leave the room, he says it again. The words have lost their meaning for me, but if I don't respond in kind, James thinks I'm mad at him.

I am emotionally exhausted from having to constantly reassure him. If I try to discuss anything serious, he cries, and that just turns my stomach. I'm not an uncaring, unfeeling person. I'm very emotional, but when a man cries it makes me uncomfortable.

Please don't suggest counseling. James is a pastor who would want to go to a Christian counselor. That makes me uneasy because he knows all the ones around here. We don't have much money and no insurance. If I ask for a divorce, it will end his career.

Divorce is not an option for many people, but I don't want to wake up one morning and realize I have lived my entire life putting myself second. Abby, when is it OK to say this isn't working?

MISERABLE IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR MISERABLE:** Say it now, while there may still be a chance to save your marriage. It is crucial that you find the money you need for nondenominational couples therapy with a licensed professional. Your husband needs to overcome insecurities that may stem from the fact that he feels you becoming increasingly distant, or that may have originated in his youth. And you need to control the impulse to shut down when your husband expresses emotions that make you uncomfortable.

Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Understanding and accepting what the weaknesses are can be powerful tools in overcoming each other's shortcomings. Whether your marriage can be resuscitated (or not) will depend upon whether the two of you are capable of working this through. I wish you luck, because of how much each of you has to lose if it fails.

**DEAR ABBY:** A woman with whom I have become good friends over the past year lost a son 10 years ago, and is estranged from her adult daughter. I would like to acknowledge her in some way on Mother's Day because I don't think her daughter will.

Would it be appropriate to send her a card and/or flowers?

KATHY IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR KATHY:** Unless your friend is an older mentor, I would refrain from sending a card with a Mother's Day motif. But a card telling her you're thinking of her—or what a valued friend she is—might be nice. Or a phone call. Ditto with the flowers.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am an over-50 "cougar" who has a boyfriend who's not happy with my looks. He loves all the other aspects of our relationship, but he wants me thinner and prettier. I'll never look 30 again. What do you think I should do?

BARB IN RENO

**DEAR BARB:** Change boyfriends. If yours doesn't like you the way you are, face it—your romance is on the downhill slide. Of course you'll never look 30 again. But what's important is how you feel about yourself.

My answer might be different had you said YOU wanted to be thinner because YOU thought it would make you more attractive. Please give this some serious thought while you still have a healthy level of self-esteem—because the longer you're with this man, the more it will be eroded.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

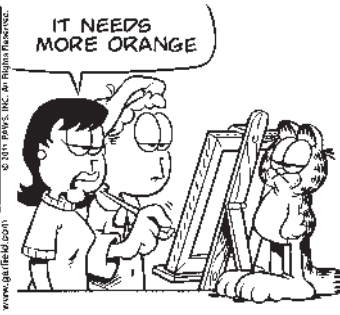


By Bill Waterson



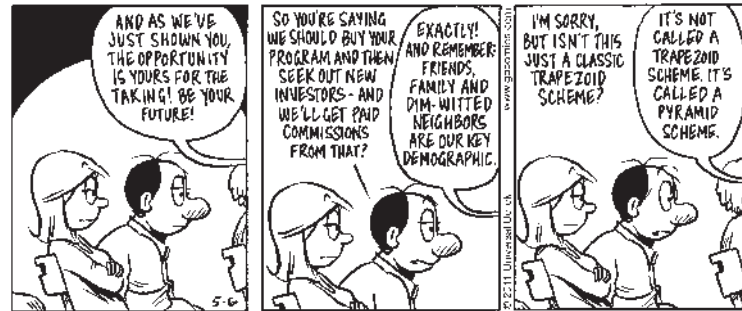
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 — Mahal

4 Parisian pals

8 Choose from a group

12 Fuss

13 Color quality

14 On the briny

15 Old communication method

17 Bit of banter

18 Comestibles

19 Stallion or mare

20 Malaria symptoms

22 Trans-action

24 Tranquil

25 Pollen-caused allergy

29 Under the weather

30 Cupid's yokemate

31 Is for you?

**DOWN**

32 Short-term employment

34 Schleps

35 Shake-speare's river

36 Cockpit VIP

37 Steeple

40 Regimen

41 Lumber

42 Spring parade leader

46 Initial stake

47 Birthright barterer

48 Old studio letters

49 Paraphernalia

50 Somme-lier's offering

51 Stitch

1 Verse

19 Weapon's handle

20 Alkali neutral-izer

21 Festive

22 Pythias' pal

23 Watchful one

25 Vagrant

26 Some track-and-field athletes

27 Therefore

28 Take a break

30 Bear lair

33 Pantry

34 Stead

36 Resentment

37 Booty

38 Corn con-coction

39 Tittle

40 Actress Cannon

42 Kitten's call

43 "— was saying, ..."

44 Scratch (out)

45 Promptly

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

M	A	R	C	F	B	I	A	F	A	R
U	T	A	H	L	O	S	S	I	T	E
M	I	N	I	E	A	R	S	L	E	D
S	T	I	F	L	E	A	B	E	L	E
F	A	T	H	E	R	T	I	M	E	
B	E	B	O	P	A	L	A	P	O	L
R	U	I	N	U	Z	I	S	E	R	A
I	R	A	O	N	E	O	L	D	E	N
M	O	T	H	E	R	L	O	D	E	
H	A	R	E	I	D	I	O	C	Y	
I	L	L	S	A	W	L	G	L	U	E
M	O	O	T	D	O	E	H	I	S	T
P	U	N	Y	Y	O	D	T	O	P	I

## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Gabourey Sidibe, 28; George Clooney, 50; Tom Bergeron, 56; Willie Mays, 80

**Happy Birthday:** Revive old goals and set new time frames to accomplish your objectives. There is no room for laziness or excuses. Change is upon you and you need to take advantage of every opportunity. What you do this year will determine how much attention and recognition you will receive for years to come. Your numbers are 4, 7, 15, 21, 28, 34, 43

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will be receptive to new ideas. A friendship has the potential to develop into a serious business or personal partnership. Stability is within reach if you take small steps toward your goals. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Finding solutions to other people's problems will enhance your popularity. A short trip that entails a business transaction will position you better for advancement. Think twice before hooking up with someone from your past. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't rely on what your emotions are telling you to do. Think carefully before you upset the people you care about. A last-minute change of plans will cost you financially. Keep flirting to a minimum if it could lead to double trouble. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't do too much for others or you will be taken for granted. A change in your position, status or within an important relationship is apparent. Don't react hastily; time is on your side. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Talk openly about your plans for the future and you will get a great response and ideas to help you achieve your goals faster. A change of location or position is in the stars. Leave room for a little romance. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll be taken advantage of if you are too generous with your time or your money. Don't get involved in financial schemes that promise a fast cash return. Someone you thought you knew well will disappoint you. Contractual uncertainty will leave you feeling vulnerable. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Changing your location or updating your look will give you a new lease on life. Don't let a negative influence hold you back. Partnership opportunities are present. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Sign contracts, take care of financial or legal matters and focus on doing the best job possible. A relationship with someone you work with can lead to bigger and better opportunities. You will reap the benefits if you upgrade your residence. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can test your skills, take on a challenge or go up against any obstacle in your way. An aggressive, progressive strategy will work wonders. A new commitment can enhance the connection you have with someone special. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may end up second-guessing what you are doing. Don't make any impulsive

## EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

COPYRIGHT 2007 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



moves just yet. Give everyone around you the benefit of the doubt. Keep a close watch but say nothing. Work as a team player and avoid opposition. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Time is on your side. Try out a few different ideas and decide what suits you best. Someone from your past is likely to take a greater interest in what you are doing. A love relationship is highlighted, so make special plans for two. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Not everything you need to know will be handed to you voluntarily. You will have to do your due diligence if you want to save yourself from a fatal financial or emotional mistake. A practical approach to a job or a lifestyle change will eliminate some of the problems you've been facing. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sensitive, caring, open and receptive. You have a precise and accurate way of handling matters.

Eugenia's Web sites: [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com) for confidential consultations, [myspace.com/eugenialast](http://myspace.com/eugenialast) for Eugenia's blog, [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com) for fun

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

4		1	6		5	8		
		3						
			1	4				9
		8		5			6	
	2			9		5		
5			8	7				
					4			
		4	3	1	7	2		

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

5/06

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	7	8	4	3	1	6	5	9
1	6	4	8	9	5	3	2	7
3	5	9	6	2	7	8	1	4
5	4	3	2	1	9	7	6	8
8	9	6	7	5	4	1	3	2
7	1	2	3	6	8	9	4	5
9	2	5	1	8	6	4	7	3
6	8	7	5	4	3	2	9	1
4	3	1	9	7	2	5	8	6

Difficulty Level ★★★

3/06

©2010 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MARK WAHLBERG

Solution: 9 letters

C	T	C	E	F	R	E	P	H	Y	S	I	Q	U	E
S	A	F	A	T	H	E	R	N	A	I	L	A	T	I
Y	T	L	U	N	C	H	A	R	T	E	D	M	S	N
B	T	O	V	N	R	E	T	H	G	I	F	E	H	T
O	O	I	R	I	K	I	R	O	M	A	N	R	O	R
O	O	A	R	M	N	Y	C	Y	K	T	M	I	O	E
G	S	C	R	A	N	K	B	R	O	Y	A	P	T	A
I	C	A	A	D	H	U	L	U	O	U	E	M	E	T
E	O	D	L	R	W	C	R	E	N	T	E	R	M	
N	R	E	M	W	E	A	A	S	I	C	H	O	E	
I	S	M	A	R	G	E	L	D	E	N	H	A	S	N
G	E	Y	F	E	A	R	R	K	A	E	R	B	A	T
H	S	F	O	U	R	E	Y	A	L	K	C	I	R	
T	E	N	A	I	C	I	S	U	M	A	R	K	Y	
S	E	E	B	A	K	C	U	H	T	R	A	E	H	

©2011 Universal Uclick www.wonderword.com Join us on Facebook 5/6

Academy, Actor, Alma, Boardwalk, Boogie Nights, Break, Bricklayer, Calvin Klein, Career, Charity, Empire, Entourage, Father, Fear, Four, Funky Bunch, Heart Huckabees, In Treatment, Italian, Job, Marky, Musician, Nurse, Perfect, Physique, Roman, Rosary, Scorsese, Shooter, Storm, Tattoos, Team, The Fighter, Uncharted, Youth

Yesterday's Answer: Boxer

The NEW Treasury 9-in-one book by David Ouellet is available for \$24.95 (incl. shipping and handling) or \$24.95 (incl. shipping and handling) for the paperback edition. It is available in paperback, hardcover, and audiobook formats. For more information, visit [www.wonderword.com](http://www.wonderword.com) or call 1-800-888-8888. ©2011 Universal Uclick. All rights reserved.

## STUMPED?

For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-226-5955! 99c per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.



# CLASSIFIED ADS



## CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

Saipan Tribune's Classifieds Section gives you the right exposure without hurting your pockets. Stretch your dollar and get results.

### CLASSIFIED LINER ADS

Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as \$27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

ADS	(PRINT)	COMBO (PRINT AND ONLINE)
• 3-Liner	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$27</b>
• 5-Liner	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$39</b>
• 3-Liner with picture	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$42</b>
• 5-Liner with picture	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$57</b>

### ADVERTISING DEADLINE

#### Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:  
■ All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

### CANCELLATION

#### Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

### REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

### CHECK YOUR ADS

Saipan Tribune will not be responsible for errors after the first day of publication. Errors should be called in before noon of the issue date. Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

### ADVERTISING POLICY

All advertising in the Saipan Tribune are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, Saipan Tribune reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

www.facebook.com/dingbatsgames

WHATZIT? © 2011 www.whatzit.com  
Designed by Dingbats Games

Find today's solution in this section

**Computer Repair**

Only  
Minor  
Problem

**\$25**

WE ALSO FIX  
LAPTOP &  
USED PARTS

**17" Monitor – FOR SALE**

**233-5641**  
Open: 7 Days a Week  
9:00am - 9:00pm

**FOR SALE**

**CLARK LPG FORKLIFT**

**8,000 LBS. CAPACITY**

**CALL TEL. 234-9083**

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122  
THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC  
POST OFFICE BOX 5222  
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950  
TEL: (670) 234-6547  
FAX: (670) 234-9537

ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

**COMMONWEALTH  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,** : **CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 05-0382**

**-v-** :

**MARIANO S. NAPUTI,  
Defendant.** :

**SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 3, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded May 14, 1990, as document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth recorder's Office, Saipan.

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.** The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 12th day of April, 2011.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122  
THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC  
POST OFFICE BOX 5222  
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950  
TEL: (670) 234-6547  
FAX: (670) 234-9537

ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

**CITY TRUST BANK,  
Plaintiff,** : **CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 09-0514**

**-v-** :

**SUZETTE O. SASAMOTO  
and  
FELIX T. SASAMOTO, JR.,  
Defendants.** :

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1508, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 30, the original of which was recorded on May 11, 1994, as Document No. 94-1218, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 pm, at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.** The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 12th day of April, 2011.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

**FOR RENT**

Well maintained 1-BR. fully furnished APT. NEAR MHS with AC in a quiet, secure area behind Calvo's Nursery, off Texas Rd. 24 hrs govt and rain water and has its own washing machine. Ceiling fans in all rooms. Walk-in closet. \$375, water included.  
**Call Ed at 788-6268.**

**FOR IMMEDIATE HIRE**

**HOUSE WORKER**

**Please Call Tel. Nos.  
235-5555/234-1941**

Robert Tenorio Torres  
Attorney at Law  
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya)  
P.O. Box 503758  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel: (670) 234-7859  
Fax: (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Plaintiff

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM,  
Plaintiff,** : **Civil Action  
No. 11-0071 CV**

**vs.** : **AMENDED  
SUMMONS**

**NESTOR E. ESMAN,  
Defendant.** :

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT  
NESTOR E. ESMAN:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Irmwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 14th day of April, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Maydeline Dela Cruz Vidal /  
Joe Hill Law Office  
PMB 217 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950  
Pro Se,

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

Maydeline D. Vidal  
Petitioner, : FCD Civil Action No.  
vs. : 10-0458

Joseph V. Jabonete  
Respondent. : **SUMMONS**

TO: Joseph V. Jabonete

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Joe Hill Law Office whose address is P.O. Box 500917, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2010.

/s/Clerk of Court

**WANTED TO BUY**

Looking for used cars. Good condition. 2000 yr. & up. We pay cash! Pls. call 287-7676

WHATZIT? Solution:  
Homesick

**FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL**

Newly built house: 5 rooms, 3 bath, with terrace. Located in Mihaville, Garapan. Call 287-7080

**CLICK IT OR TICKET  
DAY & NIGHT**

**2 Story House  
for Rent**

**3 Bedrooms,  
2 Bathrooms  
Fully Furnished**

Located in Gualo Rai  
For inquiries, please  
call Mr. Cho at  
**287-7615 / 235-3410**

**FOR RENT - RESIDENTIAL**

Fina Sisu Apt., 2-BR, 1-BTH, FF, AC, BU Gense!/  
24-hr water, security, laundry room, free Wi-Fi & ample parking. Right behind NMC campus. MIHA applicants accepted. Special rates for NMC faculty/ students. Call 235-6527/8 or 285-1317 for info.

Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH  
Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view.  
Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up  
Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nigh-  
time security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

Sunset View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH  
Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view.  
Rooms w/ A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up  
Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nigh-  
time security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

**JOB VACANCY  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**1 Motor/Generator  
Rewinder**

**Salary:  
\$6.00-\$7.50/hour**

**Contact:  
PMIC Power Plant 4  
Telephone # 322-6181  
Email: cve@pmic.us**

**FOR INQUIRIES:  
Please call MMC office at 235-8980**

**OLEAI-CENTER COMMERCIAL SPACES  
FOR LEASE**

**AUNTIE MAG'S CATERING  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**This is to give notice that Ms. Daria  
(Del) M. Kintol is no longer affiliated  
with AUNTIE MAG'S CATERING.  
Any transaction made by Ms. Kintol  
on behalf of the company will not  
be honored.**

**Job Vacancy Announcement**

**Position: (1) Accountant**

**Duties:** Must be able to apply principles of accounting to analyze financial information and prepare entries of accounts, such as general ledger, documenting business transactions, detailing assets, liabilities, and capital. Prepare financial statements and other reports. May establish, modify documents and coordinate implementation of accounting and procedures, perform other related duties as required. Must be a self-starter and able to work independently.

**Minimum Qualifications:** An Associates Degree in accounting and 4 years of equivalent working experience in accounting. Must be US Citizen or US Permanent Residence (Green Card).

Applicants may deliver their resume to the Bank of Hawaii Building, 2nd Floor Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park OR email to efrain@efcsaipan.com. NO telephone calls please.



# Dirk blasts Lakers again, sends Mavs to 2-0 lead



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points, Shawn Marion added 14 and the Dallas Mavericks stunned the erratic Los Angeles Lakers 93-81 in Game 2 on Wednesday night, taking a 2-0 second-round lead over the two-time defending champions with consecutive road wins.

Jason Kidd scored 10 points for the Mavericks, who pushed the Lakers halfway to playoff elimination with Nowitzki's stellar shooting, another steady defensive performance, and a decisive 9-0 fourth-quarter rally.

Kobe Bryant scored 23 points for the Lakers, who hadn't lost the first two games of a playoff series since the 2008 NBA finals—also the last series they lost. Only three NBA teams have come back to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first two at home, where the Lakers sent them off with boos and jeers.

Game 3 is Friday night in Dallas.

The Lakers also could be short-handed in Dallas: Ron Artest was ejected with 24.4 seconds left for apparently clotheslining Dallas guard Jose Barea, possibly leading to a suspension.

After years of playoff underachievement during owner Mark Cuban's tenure, the Mavericks certainly appear primed to change their reputation.

Dallas, which won just one playoff series in the past four years before this spring, was more aggressive and inventive than the champs, maintaining a steady lead before breaking it open with nine straight points down the stretch in the rally led by Barea, who highlighted it with an impressive short shot directly over Andrew Bynum. Barea had 12 points and four assists.

Los Angeles missed its first 15 3-point attempts in Game 2, only avoiding its first playoff game without a 3-pointer since May 8, 2001, on Bryant's 3-pointer with 2:43 left. Los Angeles finished 2 for 20 on 3-pointers.

Cuban led the cheers behind Dallas' bench as the Mavs pulled away in the fourth quarter. Not even Bryant could save the Lakers, going scoreless in the fourth until hitting two free throws with 3:11 to play.

Bynum had 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Lakers, who haven't been able to control the paint with their usual vehemence against the Mavericks' three 7-footers. Pau Gasol had 13 points and 10 rebounds, but appeared tentative for long stretches while struggling to contain Nowitzki.

The Mavericks protected the rim and largely controlled the tempo, using their advantages in depth and athleticism to limit the Lakers' offense. Dallas took



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, center, of Germany celebrates after scoring a three-point basket as Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol, right, of Spain looks on during the second half in Game 2 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in Los Angeles.

a six-point lead into the fourth quarter and stretched it to 10 moments later before coasting home with little opposition from the Lakers, who went 7 for 20 in the final period.

Gasol's struggles have been the Lakers' biggest mystery of the postseason. The Spanish All-Star 7-footer barely contributed to Los Angeles' tough six-game victory over New Orleans in the first round, and he came back from a quiet opener against Dallas with another mediocre game, getting booed several times by the home crowd.

Dallas rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second half to win Game 1, finishing on a 9-2 run capped by four last-minute points from Nowitzki, who seems determined to erase memories of the Mavericks' past playoff failures on big stages. Nowitzki had 28 points and 14 rebounds in Game 1, includ-

ing the go-ahead free throws.

Nowitzki came out firing again in Game 2, scoring 15 points in the first half with the 7-footer's usual array of impossible-to-block fallaway jumpers. Dallas took an eight-point lead in the second quarter, but Los Angeles made a 10-0 run catalyzed by Bryant before the Mavericks took a 51-49 halftime lead on another Nowitzki jumper.

The Lakers ran several defenders at Nowitzki, using Gasol and Lamar Odom before trying Artest in the second quarter. Artest gives up 5 inches to Nowitzki, who seemed to have little trouble in the matchup.

## Bulls 86 Hawks 73

In Chicago, Derrick Rose's night started with a trophy presentation from Commissioner David Stern and ended with those familiar "MVP! MVP!"

chants from the crowd.

In between, he dominated in spurts. He struggled at times, too.

In the end, all that mattered was this: The Bulls and Hawks are now tied.

Rose scored 25 points, Joakim Noah added 19 points and 14 rebounds, and Chicago beat Atlanta 86-73 in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Wednesday night to knot this series.

The top-seeded Bulls shook off a dismal performance in the opener and looked more like the team with a league-high 62 wins, building a 14-point lead and ending the game on a 9-2 run after the Hawks got within six.

Now, the series shifts to Atlanta for Games 3 and 4 Friday and Sunday, with Chicago at least in better shape after a 103-95 loss in Game 1.

Rose, meanwhile, can focus on the task at hand. The past few

days were a blur for the Chicago product, with the news about his MVP breaking, the formal announcement on Tuesday and the presentation with Stern before the opening tip.

"I'm just happy that it's over now, and we can just ball out," Rose said.

The superstar point guard showed just why he became the youngest player to win the award—at least in the first half, when he scored 16 points.

He went cold after that and wound up hitting just 10 of 27 shots, going 1 of 8 on 3-pointers and committing eight turnovers. He did convert 4 of 6 free throws after failing to get to the line in the opener, and he insisted the left ankle he sprained in the opening round against Indiana and twisted at the end of Game 1 in this series is fine.

At times, he seemed more aggressive, but the shots stopped falling.

"Shots I normally hit, they just didn't fall tonight," Rose said. "The way that they're playing me, I'm going to continue to shoot."

The Hawks are sagging off him, daring him to hit from the outside.

To that, Rose said, "Things are going to change."

Noah helped pick up the slack. So did Luol Deng, who scored all but two of his 14 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds in the game.

Carlos Boozer, bothered by a turf toe injury on his right foot, had eight points and 11 boards and heard it from the home crowd—something that didn't sit well with Noah.

"Sometimes our home crowd, it's a tough place to play," he said. "We have a lot of love for our crowd, but through tough times, we got to stick together."

Noah remembers being booed as a rookie, and "it's tough." Boozer, meanwhile, hasn't been the same since he missed five games with a sprained left ankle.

"With Carlos, I think people have to understand he's play-

ing through an injury right now, and he's giving us what he's got," Noah said. "He's somebody who has an unbelievable presence and he opens up a lot of things for a lot of us. I think that sometimes people are quick to bash one player, but this is a team. And we know that we need Carlos to get to where we want to go. I think Taj (Gibson) does an excellent job, but we need everybody."

The Bulls won even though they shot just over 39 percent and were 5 of 22 on 3-pointers, because they dominated on the glass and locked down Atlanta.

The Bulls outrebounded the Hawks 58-39 after getting beaten on the boards 38-37 in Game 1 and held them to 33.8 percent shooting, after they converted just over 51 percent in the opener.

"They came out and applied pressure," said Atlanta's Jeff Teague, who scored 21 points without a turnover. "They got up into us. They made every catch we got tough. They came on Joe (Johnson), double-teamed him a lot. Kind of frustrated us as a team, because he got it going the first game."

While Teague came through with another good game filling in for the injured Kirk Hinrich, Johnson and Jamal Crawford struggled after coming up big in the opener.

Johnson saw his scoring dip from 34 points to 16. Crawford finished with just 11 after scoring 22 in Game 1, and the Hawks simply couldn't sustain any momentum.

"This one hurt," Johnson said. "This was definitely a game I thought that we could have won and go home up 2-0."

The Bulls led by as much as 14 and finally put away the Hawks in the closing minutes. With a 77-71 lead, Deng scored on a layup with just under four minutes left to start the game-ending run and Chicago hung on from there.

Rose provided the final point when he hit a free throw in the closing seconds as the fans chanted "MVP! MVP!"—a fitting finish given the way the night began.

During the presentation, Stern told him, "In a league of very valuable players, you are the most valuable."

Rose thanked the crowd and said the award is "for the city of Chicago, more than anything," and then posed with his mom Brenda and three brothers.

Once the game started, he was sharper, at least in the early going, after an uncharacteristically passive performance in Game 1.

Plagued by slow starts in the playoffs, the Bulls led 48-37 at halftime thanks to a strong start by Rose. And they ultimately prevailed thanks to a strong effort on defense.

"We affected them into taking a lot of tough shots," Deng said.

## Clippers' Griffin unanimously voted top NBA rookie

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Blake Griffin played his entire rookie season like a man making up for lost time.

Now that the Los Angeles Clippers' dynamic dunker has been named the league's top rookie in a landslide, he's already thinking about ways to improve on a delayed NBA debut that was well worth the wait.

Griffin accepted the Rookie of the Year award on Wednesday, becoming the NBA's first unanimous choice for the award in 21 years.

The No. 1 overall draft pick out of Oklahoma in 2009 missed all of the 2009-10 season after breaking his kneecap

in the Clippers' final preseason game. But Griffin returned with one of the most impressive debut campaigns in a generation. Griffin frequently thought back to that season in limbo while picking up his award during a party at the Clippers' training complex.

"To miss my entire first year and then be able to be up here today is definitely satisfying," Griffin said. "When I got injured, I just decided I had to come back even better. I had to keep improving even while I couldn't play, and I dedicated myself to that."

Griffin received every first-place vote from a panel of 118 media members, easily out-

distancing Washington's John Wall. The Clippers' 22-year-old power forward is the first unanimous choice since San Antonio's David Robinson in 1990, and just the third in NBA history after Ralph Sampson in 1984. New Orleans' Chris Paul came close in 2006, missing by one vote.

Griffin led all rookies in scoring and rebounding while playing in all 82 games for the Clippers, finishing 12th in the entire NBA in scoring (22.5) and fourth in rebounds (12.1) while ranking second among rookies in assists (3.8).

The 6-foot-10 Griffin was the NBA's first rookie All-Star

since Yao Ming in 2003, and he won the dunk contest at All-Star weekend in Staples Center with an iconic leap over a car.

Although Griffin's aerial acrobatics made him a staple of nightly highlight reels with more than 200 dunks of varying viciousness, he's already at work in the offseason rounding into an even more complete player.

"He's a highlight at any second of the game, but he's also smart enough to know that the fundamentals are the part that will make him better and help this team," Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro said. "He handles it very well. He has great humility and great character."



# Scherzer impressive, Tigers beat Yankees, 4-0



**DETROIT**  
(AP)—Max Scherzer

pitched eight scoreless innings, and Magglio Ordóñez homered for the first time this season to lead the Detroit Tigers to a 4-0 win over the New York Yankees on Wednesday.

Ordóñez has been in a horrendous slump to start the year, but he had two hits Wednesday, including a two-run homer in the third that gave the Tigers a four-run lead. Detroit has won its last two since a seven-game losing streak.

Scherzer (5-0) allowed four hits and two walks. He struck out nine. He allowed a leadoff single to Derek Jeter in the first, then retired 10 straight hitters, striking out four in a row at one point.

## Angels 5, Red Sox 3, 13 innings

At Boston, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run single in the 13th inning to give Los Angeles victory over Boston in a game that took more than seven hours to complete.

The Angels and Red Sox waited out a rain delay of 2 hours, 35 minutes in the fifth inning and finally finished at 2:45 a.m. local time.

## Twins 3, White Sox 2

At Chicago, Nick Blackburn earned his first win in a month and Jason Kubel had two RBIs as Minnesota swept the two-game series against Chicago.

Minnesota won the opener Tuesday night 1-0 when Francisco Liriano held the White Sox hitless. Last-place Chicago has lost 17 of 21.

Blackburn (2-4) held the White Sox to four hits and a run in 6 2-3 innings, including Alex Rios' solo homer in the third that tied the game 1-1.

## Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Adam Lind hit a two-run homer and Brandon Morrow pitched into the seventh inning as Toronto edged Tampa Bay.

Lind connected in the first inning and finished with four hits. He has five homers and 16 RBIs in his last 12 games.

Morrow (1-1) allowed one run and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out seven and walked four. Frank Francisco yielded Sam Fuld's RBI single in the ninth before finishing for his first save.

## Orioles 3, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Nick Markakis homered and Jake Arrieta pitched seven strong innings as Baltimore ended Kansas City's four-game winning streak.

It was 3-1 in the eighth inning when Alcides Escobar singled with one out against Orioles reliever Jim Johnson. Mike Aviles followed with a double. Melky Cabrera drove in one run with an infield out, but reliever Michael Gonzalez retired Alex Gordon on a flyball.

Arrieta (4-1) gave up three hits and one run, a homer by Jeff Francoeur. He walked two and struck out eight.

## Athletics 3, Indians 1

At Oakland, California, David DeJesus hit his first two home runs of the season and Trevor Cahill pitched another gem as Oakland snapped Cleveland's seven-game winning streak.

DeJesus' two solo shots handed Josh Tomlin (4-1) his first loss of the year. They were two of Oakland's four hits in the game.

Cahill (5-0) gave up five hits and three walks in seven innings and struck out five. Grant Balfour worked the ninth for his first save.

## Rangers 5, Mariners 2

At Seattle, C.J. Wilson struck out 12 batters in a six-hitter while Mitch Moreland and Chris Davis homered off Seattle rookie Michael Pineda.

Wilson (4-1) retired the final 14 batters in his fourth career complete game. The Rangers stopped their losing streak at three.

Wilson matched his high for strikeouts and allowed one earned run and walked one. He didn't allow a runner after Chone Figgins' single with one out in the fifth.

## Cubs 5, Dodgers 1

At Los Angeles, Carlos Zambrano pitched eight solid innings as the Chicago Cubs scored all of

its runs from homers by Geovany Soto, Carlos Pena and Marlon Byrd in a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Andre Ethier's 29-game hitting was put on hold when the Dodgers scratched their right fielder because of an inflamed left elbow.

## Braves 8, Brewers 3, 1st game Braves 8, Brewers 0, 2nd game

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson pitched a one-hitter and Nate McLouth homered to highlight a big day as Atlanta ruined the Milwaukee debut of Zack Greinke to complete a doubleheader sweep.

Tommy Hanson pitched six strong innings in the opener and Martin Prado drove in three runs.

Hudson (4-2) retired his first nine hitters before Rickie Weeks led off the fourth with a double. He was the only Brewer to reach base, also drawing a two-out walk in the ninth. He posted his 12th career shutout and first complete-game win since May 2, 2008, against Cincinnati.

## Reds 3, Astros 2

At Cincinnati, Jay Bruce's double completed Cincinnati's three-run rally off closer Brandon Lyon in the ninth inning.

Lyon (3-2) came on to try to finish off a one-hitter, but failed to retire any of the five batters he faced while blowing a save for

the fourth time in eight chances.

Singles by Joey Votto and Brandon Phillips tied it. Bruce then pulled his double down the line.

## Phillies 7, Nationals 4

At Philadelphia, Vance Worley threw six sharp innings, and Raul Ibanez homered and had three hits as Philadelphia downed Washington.

Worley (2-0) allowed one run and four hits, striking out a career-high seven in his fourth start in the majors. Worley is filling in for the injured Joe Blanton.

## Pirates 7, Padres 4

At San Diego, Ryan Doumit's grand slam highlighted a six-run third inning and Kevin Correia beat his old team as Pittsburgh took two of three from San Diego.

The Pirates have won five road series, one more than they did last year. They have 11 road wins—last year they didn't get their 11th until June 28.

The Padres are a major league-worst 5-13 at home.

## Giants 2, Mets 0

At New York, Tim Lincecum struck out 12 batters to surpass Christy Mathewson for most double-digit strikeout games in Giants history, and Pat Burrell hit a tiebreaking single for San Francisco.

Lincecum (3-3) gave up five hits in seven innings, throwing 127 pitches for his most this season. He struck out his final five batters. Four relievers completed the six-hitter with Brian

Wilson working a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

## Marlins 8, Cardinals 7

At St. Louis, Florida's Mike Stanton hit a tiebreaking, two-run drive in the ninth inning for his third homer in four games as Florida edged St. Louis.

Gaby Sanchez had two hits and a bases-loaded walk for the Marlins, who survived blowing a four-run lead.

Leo Nunez gave up Jon Jay's second pinch-hit homer of the season in the ninth but earned his 11th save in 11 chances. Holliday had two hits and an RBI and leads the NL with a .413 average.

Emilio Bonifacio and Omar Infante had three hits apiece for Florida.

Mike Dunn (2-1) got the win.

## Rockies 6, Diamondbacks 4

At Phoenix, Jhoulys Chacin pitched seven effective innings to steer Colorado past Arizona.

Chacin (4-2) yielded two solo homers but only one other hit while striking out six.

Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer for Colorado, which jumped on Diamondbacks starter Barry Enright (1-3) for three runs in the fourth inning and three more in the fifth. Todd Helton doubled in two runs and Seth Smith had an RBI single. Ian Stewart, recalled from the minors on Tuesday, had a run-scoring double.

Arizona rallied in the ninth but Huston Street struck out Kelly Johnson with two runners on base on for his 11th save in 11 tries.

## Cheers!

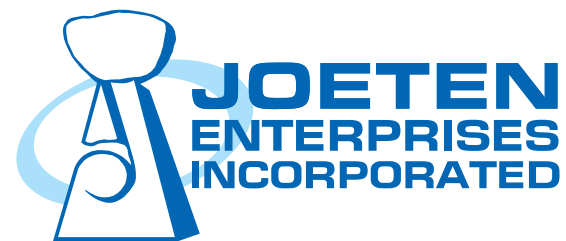
Congratulations Joeten Enterprises on your 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
and many decades of partnership with Coca-Cola Beverage Co. Micronesia.



[www.coke-foremost.com](http://www.coke-foremost.com)

"Coca-Cola" and the Contour Bottle are trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company.

## A toast to a business pioneer



Best wishes Joeten Enterprises  
on your 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.  
Foremost Foods Saipan  
is proud to be  
a food and beverage partner.



Part of your life.

[www.coke-foremost.com](http://www.coke-foremost.com)



# Steelers' Mendenhall writes clarification



**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall wrote a "clarification" of his comments made Monday on Twitter regarding the death of Osama bin Laden.

In a tweet posted around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, he linked to an in-depth blog post. In that entry, he wrote that he does not support bin Laden, and that he aimed clear things up, for not only himself, but also the Steelers.

On Monday, Pittsburgh's leading rusher caused enough of a stir with his tweets, that the Steelers felt compelled to release a statement.

Among Mendenhall's posts, the day after the bin Laden news broke, was: "What kind of person celebrates death? It's amazing how people can HATE a man they have never even heard speak. We've only heard one side..." He also tweeted on the Sept. 11 attacks: "We'll never know what really happened. I just have a hard time believing a plane could take a skyscraper down demolition style."

Wednesday's offering, though, was a different story.

"I appreciate those of you who have decided to read this letter and attain a greater understanding of my recent Twitter posts. I see how they have gotten misconstrued, and wanted to use this outlet as a way to clear

up all things that do not truthfully represent myself, what I stand for personally, and any organization that I am a part of.

"First, I want people to understand that I am not in support of Bin Laden, or against the USA. I understand how devastating 9/11 was to this country and to the people whose families were affected. Not just in the U.S., but families all over the world who had relatives in the World Trade Centers. My heart goes out to the troops who fight for our freedoms everyday, not being certain if they will have the opportunity to return home, and the families who watch their loved ones bravely go off to war. Last year, I was grateful enough to have the opportunity to travel overseas and participate in a football camp put on for the children of U.S. troops stationed in Germany. It was a special experience. These events have had a significant impact in my life."

Mendenhall also specifically pointed out the "celebrates death" tweet.

"This controversial statement was something I said in response to the amount of joy I saw in the event of a murder. I don't believe that this is an issue of politics or American pride; but one of religion, morality, and human ethics."

He also tried to bring closure to the situation.

"Nothing I said was meant

to stir up controversy. It was my way to generate conversation. In looking at my timeline in its entirety, everything that I've said is with the intent of expressing a wide array of ideas and generating open and honest discussions, something I believe we as American citizens should be able to do. Most opinions will not be fully agreed upon and are not meant to be. However, I believe every opinion should be respected or at least given some thought. I apologize for the timing as such a sensitive matter, but it was not meant to do harm. I apologize to anyone I unintentionally harmed with anything that I said, or any hurtful interpretation that was made and put in my name."

On Tuesday, as Mendenhall's offerings became a national story, team president Art Rooney II made sure the Steelers were heard from.

"I have not spoken with Rashard, so it is hard to explain or even comprehend what he meant with his recent Twitter comments," he wrote in a statement. "The entire Steelers organization is very proud of the job our military personnel have done and we can only hope this leads to our troops coming home soon."

Mendenhall, who profiles himself as a "conversationalist and professional athlete" on his Twitter page, turned some heads

in March, as well, when he supported a comment by Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson comparing the NFL to "modern-day slavery."

"Anyone with knowledge of the slave trade and the NFL could say that these two parallel

each other," Mendenhall posted at the time.

Mendenhall is coming off a tremendous season, as he led the AFC champions in carries (324), rushing yards (1,273) and rushing touchdowns (13). He has 2,439 yards in three seasons since being drafted in the 2008 first round out of Illinois.

In the 2010 postseason, Mendenhall ran for 230 yards on 61

carries in three games with four touchdowns, as Pittsburgh defeated the Baltimore Ravens (31-24) and New York Jets (24-19), before falling to the Green Bay Packers 31-25 in the Super Bowl.

As a result of the controversy, Mendenhall saw a spike in his followers on Twitter. On Tuesday afternoon, he had 13,631. On Wednesday afternoon, he had 36,914.

## Goodell: NFL committed to Super Bowl in Indy

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Roger Goodell expects to be watching a Super Bowl in Indianapolis, and he's still hoping it takes place in February.

The NFL commissioner took questions Wednesday night from Colts' season ticket-holders and the topics ranged from the proposed 18-game regular season to when the drop-dead date for reaching a collective bargaining agreement that would end the lockout.

Colts fans were most interested, though, in whether the city's first Super Bowl would be played, as scheduled, Feb. 5.

"I do feel strongly that we made a commitment to the city of Indianapolis," he said. "We look forward to being there. We look forward to playing in Indianapolis and we'll stand behind that commitment."

The response should not be a surprise to Indy fans.

Super Bowl organizers said months ago if this season's title game was canceled, something

that has never happened, they had been told Indy would get a future Super Bowl, presumably in 2015. New Orleans has the 2013 game, and New York is scheduled to host the 2014 Super Bowl—something Goodell reminded the roughly 4,000 fans who were on the conference call.

When would the league be in jeopardy of losing games, and presumably a Super Bowl?

Goodell would not give a drop-dead date, though the league's preference, he said, is to play all 16 regular-season games and the full pre-season schedule.

But the league does have some built-in wiggle room if the lockout persists.

NFL officials asked city organizers to keep open two weekends for the Super Bowl, the originally scheduled date and Feb. 12.

The league also could eliminate the open week between conference championship

games and the Super Bowl, and there is a possibility by weeks were scheduled in such a way that the league could get another week back that way.

If true, the league could make up as many as three games, if the season did not start on time.

Clearly, though, Goodell believes time is of the essence and acknowledged he wanted a deal sooner rather than later.

Colts owner Jim Irsay is in the same camp.

On his Twitter account Wednesday night, Irsay wrote this from New York: "About a third of NFL Owners in town, the sentiment is let's get out of the courts n get2 collective bargaining n get this thing solved to 2019."

Goodell would not say whether an 18-game season would become a reality, only that fans have shown interest in trading two preseason games for two more regular-season games.



**Sofa & Love Seats**

**\$19.95  
PER WEEK**



**42" LCD TV**

**\$19.95  
PER WEEK**

**DIAL**  
*Rent-to-Own*

**BIGGEST  
SALE EVER**



**32" LCD TV**

**\$14.95  
PER WEEK**



**\$22.95  
PER WEEK**



This is a rent to own transaction. You do not own the product until all rental payments are made or purchase is made. See store for HUGE selection!



**90 DAYS  
SAME AS  
CASH!**

**NO  
CREDIT  
CHECKS!**

**NO  
REPAIR  
BILLS!**

**NO LONG  
TERM  
OBLIGATIONS!**

**AGANA**  
Marine Corps Dr.  
**477-RENT**  
Reserved Parking in Rear

**DEDEDO**  
Calvo's Center  
**637-RENT**  
Behind Johnhel's Supermarket

**SAIPAN**  
Middle Road  
**234-RENT**  
Next to Subway



# Salty's turns back Laolao Bay, 7-6

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
walter\_sutherland@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



Salty's held off a last-inning come-back attempt by Laolao Bay, 7-6, as action in the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League men's division resumed Wednesday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The win in the evening's last game improved Salty's

win-card to 7-5, good for fifth place in the 15-team field, while Laolao Bay fell to 2-9. Natibu still leads the men's field with a perfect 13-0 record, followed by Phat Boyz (8-1), Man-Amigos (7-2), and V-Power (7-3).

In other results, Berdax (5-6) ran over Red Eye (4-9), 22-8, in the curtain raiser; while Your Balls (5-5) defeated Braddahs (1-9), 12-5, in Wednesday's second game.

**Salty's 7, Laolao Bay 6**

Laolao Bay broke the ice with

two runs in the bottom of the opening frame off a pair of RBI singles by Nick Cruz and Paul Santos, but Salty's got them back in the top of the second off errors.

Salty's then pulled ahead, 6-2, in the third off an RBI base rip by Mel Aldan and a three-run homer by Eric Cabrera.

Both teams traded a run in the fourth frame, Laolao Bay from a double by Cruz and Salty's off an error.

Salty's was held scoreless from that point, but managed to

thwart Laolao Bay's last inning rally to secure the win.

Laolao Bay's Jaycee Rdialul struck out to end the game with the tying run in scoring position.

**Berdax 22, Red Eye 8**

Berdax laid down the lumber right away in its match and took a 7-2 lead after the first inning.

The first run came home off an error and the second off an RBI base rip by Ben Taisacan that would set up a three-run bomb by C.J. Atalig; a base hit later Larry Robert belted a two-run shot.

Red Eye managed a pair of runs off errors in the bottom frame, but Berdax shot ahead, 11-2, in the top of the second as Franco Flores and Atalig each jacked two-run homer; Red Eye went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame.

Berdax added two more runs off a two-RBI single by Jess Tenorio in the top of the third and amassed a 17-2 margin in the fourth off an error, a pair of doubles by Kel Kapileo and Taisacan, and an RBI rip by Atalig.

Red Eye's Dave Camacho blasted a three-run homer in the bottom frame and teammate Tremayne Cangco followed suit with a three-run shot in the bottom of the fifth to avoid the early decision.

However, Berdax piled on five more unanswered runs in the top of the sixth to seal the deal a frame early after all. Flores led off with a solo shot, three runs came home off er-

rors, and the last run came off a single by Fred Kaipat.

Berdax's Flores and Atalig combined for four homeruns and 11 runs in the game.

**Your Balls 12, Braddahs 5**

Your Balls built a 6-1 lead after the first inning with runs off a pair of two-run homers, an error, and a sacrifice fly by J.P. Lizama. Braddahs touched home off a fielder's choice.

Your Balls then added two runs in the second off an error and another RBI single.

Both teams traded runs in the fifth inning. Your Balls scored off a solo blast by Vince Sablan Jr. and a pair of RBI base rips, while Braddahs smashed a double and three hits in the bottom frame.

Your Balls added a run in the top of the sixth and held Braddahs to one run in its final stand.

## NORTHERN

From Page 44

Then the division finals take place at 12 noon, preceding the 9am consolation game on May 14.

In the Senior League, the Fielders take on the Hunters next Tuesday at 6pm, while the Lions challenge the Ol'Aces next Thursday at 6pm.

The division finals take place at 12 noon, preceding the 9am consolation game on May 15.

The Junior League playoffs has been set since April 23 and it will feature IT&E Fielders against the BTS Survivors in a 12pm title match preceded by the consolation pairing between the Ol'Aces and the Falcons at 9am.

The Major League post season takes place from May 9 through May 15, excluding Friday, May 13. More details about standings and matchups will be released when received.

Notably, the all-star meeting for the Senior League was held yesterday; the Big League meeting is set for next Wednesday; the Major's next Friday; and the

Junior League's meeting was held last Tuesday. All meetings were and will be held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room at 5:30pm.

**BIG LEAGUE**

**Northern Stars 10, Ol'Aces 6**

The game was tied at 1-apiece after two innings. Ol'Aces broke the ice in the bottom of the first off a double by J.T. Taitano, while Northern Stars answered in the top of the second with an RBI single by Dylan Pua.

Later in the fourth, the Ol'Aces went ahead, 3-1, off errors and after two scoreless innings the Northern Stars knotted it back up in their final stand off a pair of RBI singles by Josh Jones and Eric Tenorio.

Both teams then mustered a run in the eighth frame, Northern Stars scored off a wild pitch, while Ol'Aces' Harry Nakamura singled home Eli Aghenbaugh who led off the inning with a triple.

This heavyweight bout went all the way to the 11th inning, when the Ol'Aces finally blinked.

That's when Northern Stars

tallied six runs off just two hits and two walks. Two runs scored off wild pitches, three off errors, and Sandrew Kani stole home in the frame.

The Ol'Aces were flustered after the damage and only managed a pair of runs in their final stand. Notably, the Northern Stars only manufactured one earned run in the game compared to Ol'Aces' four.

Wining pitcher Tenorio gave up one earned run in seven innings off seven hits and two walks with four strikeouts.

**Hustlers 10, Lions 9**

It was 3-2 in favor of the Hustlers after the opening frame. The Lions mustered a pair of runs off a double by Mike Iguel, while the Hustlers answered in the bottom frame with runs off an error, a double by Nokki Saralu, and a base rip by Jay Guerrero.

The Hustlers then pulled ahead, 7-2, in the third off four hits and a walk; Tim Rabago, Joaquin Muna, and MacGary Sealiem all bagged RBI singles.

Both teams traded a run in the fourth inning, the Lions off a balk and the Hustlers off a wild pitch.

The Lions then rallied with three runs apiece in the final two innings, while the Hustlers answered each frame with one run to squeak past the Lions and into the playoffs with some pitching left in the tank.

**MAJOR LEAGUE**

**Jets 12, Braves 0**

The Jets took an early 4-0 lead in the first inning off a two-RBI triple by Nathan Camacho followed by a two-run homerun by Frankie Nakamura.

The Jets then added three more runs in the second off a triple by Harvey Matagolai and a double by Nakamura; Matagolia also stole home in the frame.

The Jets were not finished and piled five more runs in the bottom of the third.

Frankie Lizama belted a triple and a base hit later, Nathan Camacho smashed a grand slam. The Jets then loaded the bases again, but the Braves escaped.

In the short four-inning contest, Jets' pitcher Camacho struck out 12 out of 13 batters he faced; he gave up one walk.

He also batted 3-for-3 with six RBIs, two runs, and was a double shy of the cycle.

## TSUNAMI

From Page 44

older Kimura said.

"Lukas and Kaito have some records that are faster than Guam's. Ryuto is getting closer to Guam records. We hope to break some Guam records in the tournament," he added.

Hiro Kimura also mentioned Nishida, who is closing in to the 50m backstroke mark in the boys 9 to 10 age group. Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru holds the 50m backstroke record in the boys 9 to 10 age group at 39.05 seconds, while Nishida's personal best time is 41.73 seconds.

Incidentally, Tsunami Saipan also had 17 swimmers qualifying for the same meet last year with Kang and Kaito Yanai delivering the wins for the club.

Kang gained the high-point

award in the boys U8 division. He joined six events and collected 52 points. Kang finished first in the 50m backstroke (47.13 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:28.30), 50m butterfly (48.67 seconds), 200m individual medley (3:36.07), and 50m breaststroke (52.98 seconds), and second in the 50m freestyle (40.22 second). He lost in the 50m freestyle to teammate Ryuto Yanai, who timed in at 39.41 seconds and finished second overall.

Kaito reigned in the boys 9 to 10 age group after getting 54 points in six races. He won the 200m freestyle (2:29.37), 100m breaststroke (1:28.32), 50m butterfly (34.68 seconds), 200m IM (2:45.04), 50m breaststroke (41.74 seconds), and 50m freestyle (32.02 seconds). He also joined Tsunami Saipan's winning squad in the 200m medley relay (2:42.37) and 200m freestyle relay (2:26.55) races.

## PACQUIAO

From Page 44

A decade later, Pacquiao is the star, fighting Saturday night in the same ring where he had his coming out party. He'll make a minimum of \$20 million to take on Shane Mosley in a bout that should only further cement his place among the great fighters of his time.

And he'll do it wearing yellow gloves, because there are fights that are bigger than those taking place in the ring.

"All my life I've had to fight. As a child, I had to fight just to eat," Pacquiao said. "The biggest fight in my life is not in boxing. The biggest fight in my life is how to end poverty in my country."

The yellow gloves to promote unity against poverty aren't just a symbolic gesture. Neither was getting elected to congress in the Philippines.

Pacquiao is celebrated like no other Filipino athlete. But his legacy may one day be more important for what he does outside the ring.

He hands out money to strangers for the asking. He bought land recently to build subsidized housing for the homeless. And he went directly to Philippine President Benigno Aquino III to ask for \$5 million for a badly needed hospital in his Sarangani Province.

He got it, because no one other than Floyd Mayweather Jr. has ever said no to Manny Pacquiao.

"I've said it many times," promoter Bob Arum said. "The Philippines has a social safety net and they call it Manny Pacquiao."

Boxing, of course, is Pacquiao's day job, and it's one he's excelled at in recent years. He gave De La Hoya such a beating a few years back that he sent him into retirement, and he's put on a string of sensational performances against some of the biggest names around.

The only name missing is Mayweather, though Pacquiao seems tired of the topic. Mayweather hasn't fought in a year and shows little interest of getting in the ring with Pacquiao in what could be boxing's richest

fight ever.

"I'm the kind of person who doesn't want to talk about someone behind his back," Pacquiao said. "He did his best in boxing. He contributed to the history of boxing. Let's talk about the fight on Saturday."

The problem is, you can't talk about Saturday's fight without talking about Mayweather. Part of the reason for that is that Mayweather dominated Mosley in winning a decision last May and Pacquiao's performance against the same foe will be used as a measurement for who would hold the upper hand should the two eventually meet.

Assuming they ever meet, that is. Mayweather has legal issues and he also seems to have issues with the fact there's a fighter out there would have a legitimate chance of handing him his first professional defeat.

"If he (Mayweather) doesn't participate in an event pretty soon he's going to become totally irrelevant," Arum said.

Right now, though, Pacquiao is just thinking about Mosley, who may give him a better fight than most boxing fans expect.

Yes, he's 39 in a young man's sport and, yes, he looked bad in his last two fights. But Mosley still has the speed to match up with Pacquiao and he's never been knocked out in his career.

Pacquiao warned at Wednesday's final prefight press conference that Mosley is dangerous. But he didn't seem especially fearful as the two boxers posed chin-to-chin for photographers and Pacquiao tried unsuccessfully to stop from bursting out laughing.

When they finished, Pacquiao walked over to the edge of the stage in the showroom at the MGM, leaned over and shook hands with Mosley's father, Jack, and several other friends and family members. In his suit he looked more politician than fighter, someone pressing the flesh for their votes rather than preparing to beat up on their guy.

He's done remarkable things as a fighter since making his debut here a decade ago, made more money than he ever thought imaginable. The best thing about Pacquiao, though, may be how he's grown in stature as a man.

## LITTLE

From Page 44

saying that as long as the games are played as scheduled, they don't want to meddle with the officials' battle.

"We will just go out there and play and whoever is on the field to oversee the game, we will go to him or her. This Little League program is for our kids, so let's spare them from this issue and let the adults settle their differences," the manager said.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
Cincinnati		15	15	.500 1 1/2
Pittsburgh		15	16	.484 2
Chicago		14	16	.467 2 1/2
Milwaukee		13	17	.433 3 1/2
Houston		12	18	.400 4 1/2
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
New York	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	17	11	.607	—
Baltimore	16	14	.533	2
Boston	14	15	.483	3 1/2
Toronto	14	16	.467	4
Central Division				
Cleveland	20	9	.690	—
Kansas City	16	14	.533	4 1/2
Detroit	14	17	.452	7
Minnesota	11	18	.379	9
Chicago	11	21	.344	10 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	17	14	.548	—
Texas	17	14	.548	—
Oakland	16	15	.516	1
Seattle	14	17	.452	3
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	20	9	.690	—
Florida	19	10	.655	1
Atlanta	17	15	.531	4 1/2
Washington	14	16	.467	6 1/2
New York	12	18	.400	8 1/2
West Division				
St. Louis	17	14	.548	—
Yesterday's Games				
Cincinnati 3, Houston 2				
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 1				
Atlanta 8, Milwaukee 3 1st game				
Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 4				
Philadelphia 7, Washington 4				
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0				
Atlanta 8, Milwaukee 2nd game				
Florida 8, St. Louis 7				
Colorado 6, Arizona 4				
Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 2				
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2				
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 0				
L.A. Angels 5, Boston 3, 11 innings				
Baltimore 3, Kansas City 2				
Oakland 3, Cleveland 1				
Texas 5, Seattle 2				
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS				



# Easy wins in NMIFA youth league

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



Winning teams in last Saturday's games in the 2011 NMIFA Youth Spring League showed no signs of rust from a week-long break as they crushed their respective foes.

In the first game in the boys U15 division at the CPA Field, MP United clobbered Paire Football Club, 7-0. The win was MP United's fifth in as many games, allowing the team to keep the lead in the five-squad field. The loss was Paire's third in five matches, leaving the squad in third place.

Jehn Joyner and Dakota Hall logged two goals apiece in MP United's fifth win, while Andrew Johnson, Choi Woon Seok, and Julian Pellegrino also scored against Paire.

Matansa recorded the most lopsided game in the weekend after demolishing Shirley's Football Club, 12-0.

Matansa improved to a 4-0-1 win-draw-loss card to remain in second place, just one win behind the league-leading MP United. Shirley's has yet to win a match, absorbing its fourth loss in five games.

Sean Perez led the juggernaut with his four goals, while David Jones Bucayo chipped in three. Jireh Yobech, Yoshi Ray Mafnas, William Camacho, Jun Fe-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
An MP United striker uses her thigh to hit the ball, while a Paire defender looks on during their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

delino, and Dale Ballesteros had one apiece for Matansa.

Tan Holding's drew a bye in last week's schedule and will return to action tomorrow against Shirley's at 3pm at the CPA Field. Also scheduled at the airport pitch is the MP United-Matansa tiff at 4:30pm.

Matansa was also victorious in the girls U15 division game as it defeated Tan Holdings, 4-1, at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Tahlia Hideo made twin goals for Matansa, while Joy

Kimoko Tenorio and Andrea Camacho had one each. Matansa now has a 4-1-1 slate, regaining the solo lead it shared before with Paire.

Jan-Nashia Travilla scored the lone goal for Tan Holdings, which remained at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-1-5 card.

In the other girls U15 game at the Hopwood pitch, Paire and MP United engaged in a scoreless draw.

Paire dropped to second place with its 3-2-1 slate, while MP

United retained the No. 3 spot with its 1-4-1 record.

In the boys U18 division,

Paire and MP United won by forfeitures over Matansa and Independents, respectively.

MP United now has a 5-1-0 card for first place, while Paire is closing in with its 4-1-1 slate.

## Six teams lead in SEDA

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
walter\_sutherland@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



Jonny's Bar & Grill's Ali'i Kamotes, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Sniper Destroyers, D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Team Sang, Jonny's Dosukebe Boys, Buddies' Wild Shooters, and Jonny's IT&E Kamote lead their respective divisions in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association.

Ali'i Kamotes is seated comfortably atop the eight-team Tuesday B-League with its 130-35 win-loss record. The team defeated Oleai's Matuas (80-85), 9-6, last April 26.

Other Tuesday B-League results had Buddies Black Pearls II's (68-97) edge out Jonny's Samurai (58-107), 8-7; Buddies' Salbahe Brothers (103-62) lay out Oleai's GCC Carpenters (78-87), 9-6; and D'Pirates Mixed Blood Shooters II (88-77) rout sister team Duruzi (55-110), 11-4.

Over in the Masters Division, Sniper Destroyers improved to 103-50 after defeating Round Two Bar & Grill's PIC Shooters, 12-5, last April 27.

Other Masters results saw



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

IT&E Kamotes (121-44) holds a 19-game lead in the SEDA Thursday B-Fanihi Division following its 14-1 victory over Team Sablau (88-77) of Charlie's Sports Bar at Jonny's Bar & Grill last April 28.

Oleai's D'Companeros (86-84) defeat Buddies' Flying Dartsmen (64-106), 9-8, and D'Pirates' M-Destroyers (90-80) blow past Jonny's Elite (66-87), 11-6. Second-ranked Buddies' Black Stallions (92-61) was on a bye last week.

Team Sang, meanwhile, knocked off VFW Post 3457's One Shot (80-85), 11-4, last April 27 and is now 19 games ahead of its nearest competitor in the C-Chichirika Division with a 110-55 record.

In other C-Chichirika Division results, Buddies' Black Pearls (63-102) upset second ranked and sister team Chagi Fan (91-74), 10-5, while D'Pirates' Lucky Shot (85-80) defeated Gaia Bar's Gaiana-C (66-99), 10-5.

In the C-Kingfisher Division, Dosukebe Boys upped its record to 114-51 after running over Naked Fish's Oh! MG (60-105), 12-3, last April 27.

IT&E Anies Amuza (103-62) routed USSP Peleliu Club's Slow Hand (58-107), 13-2, and Jonny's Night Hawks (87-78) defeated Gaia's World-V (66-

99), 10-5, in other C-Kingfisher results last week.

IT&E Kamotes improved to 121-44 in the Thursday B-Fanihi Division after beating Team Sabalu (88-77) of Charlie's Sports Bar, 14-1, last April 28.

Other Thursday B-Fanihi results saw Buddies' Akirame-nai Buddy! (92-73) edge sister team Barracudas (73-92), 8-7; VFW's Assashunz (91-74) defeat Gaia's Duruzi II (51-114), 9-6; and Oleai's Dart Pimps (76-89) down Buddies' Troubleshooters (68-97), 10-5.

In the Thursday B-Flame Tree Division, Buddies' Wild Shooters improved to 100-65 following an 11-4 win over D'Prates' Delubyo last April 28.

Other Thursday B-Flame Tree results last week had Team Na'Gupu (90-75) of Naked Fish defeat Buddies' Lights Out (86-79), 11-4; Oleai's No Fear (86-79) edge out sister team Why Not (83-82), 8-7; Gaia's Gaiana-B (80-85) take down USSP's Whatever (71-94), 11-4; and VFW's Dutty Gunz (87-78) best The Flair Bar's Real Deal (64-101), 10-5.

## Hopwood, MHS dominate qualifiers

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



Hopwood Junior High School and Marianas High School are favored in this weekend's 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships, following their domination in the qualifying tournaments.

The Hilitais topped 15 of the 24 events in the U14 qualifiers, while the Dolphins went 22-for-24 in the U18 age group to boost their chances for the championship that will start tonight and will conclude tomorrow at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

In the 100m and 200m runs, Hopwood's John Babauta and Keolani Rios topped their respective fields, while school-mate Jamal Cabrera posted the fastest qualifying time in the boys 400m race. Other Hopwood students who logged the best times in qualifying races were Alexandria Vergara (800m), and Mikayla Lopez (1,500 and 3,000m).

Other runners who posted the fastest times in the qualifiers were Saipan Community's Lyn-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A student-athlete competes in the discus throw event in last year's All Schools Athletics Championships, which will kick off its 2011 competition today at the Oleai Sports Complex.

din Johnson (400m) and Jin Pyo Jeon (800m) and Saipan International School's Angelo Jones (800m and 1,500m).

In the relay qualifiers, Marianas Baptist Academy and

SCS topped the boys and girls' 4x100m races, respectively, while SCS prevailed in both the girls and boys 4x400m relay runs.

In field events, giving Hop-

wood first place finishes in the trials were John Babauta (long jump), Jess Rabauliman (javelin throw), Mii Tekopua and Sonia Isaac (shotput), Ketruth Sebangiol (discus), and Jackie Chen (high jump).

Hopwood, SIS, MBA, and SCS will be competing in field and track events against Tinian High School and Whispering Palms students.

In the high school division, MHS bets were simply too much for their foes.

The Lady Dolphins swept the qualifiers for the 4x100m and 4x400m relays, while relay team members Ryan Ichihara and Rachel Abrams held the fastest qualifying times in the 100m and 200m races.

The Dolphins went on to top all running events and ruled eight of the 10 field events. Kagman High School's Anthony Foster foiled MHS sweep of first place in all events in the U18 age group when he prevailed in the discus and shotput.

In the U12 division, Koblerville had six first place finishes, while SCS recorded four. Dandan Elementary School topped three events, Whispering Palms and San Vicente won two each, and San Antonio, Tanapag, and William S. Reyes had one each.

## Crime Stoppers softball tourney tomorrow

The 10th Annual CNMI Crime Stoppers Softball Tournament will run this weekend at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Games will start at 9am tomorrow and on Sunday with 10 teams competing for the championship. Last year, IT&E Faja won the fundraiser, beating Megabyte in the finals, 23-9.

The CNMI Crime Stoppers relies totally on donations and wants to sincerely thank each of the outstanding softball tournament sponsors, Aon Insurance, Bridge Capital, Delta Airlines, Docomo, Duty Free Shoppers, Gold's Gym, IT&E, MARPAC, Marianas Cable Vision, Megabyte, Pacific Islands Club, and Shell/IP & E, for assisting the

group in making a big difference in our community. In addition, NMI Crime Stoppers wishes to thank its partners in law enforcement, the media, and anonymous callers that provide tips it needs to solve crimes and prevent them.

The CNMI Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization led by volunteers and is aimed at assisting law enforcement in the fight against crime. The CNMI Crime Stoppers program offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 to persons providing information that leads to an arrest. Every call is treated with absolute anonymity. Rewards are also paid without compromising the caller's anonymity. (PR)







**Dirk blasts  
Lakers again,  
sends Mavs to  
2-0 lead**  
PAGE 39

# Saipan Tribune Sports



**Easy wins  
in NMIFA  
youth league**  
PAGE 43

44 FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## 17 Tsunami Saipan swimmers make grade



Angel de Jesus, seen here racing in a local tournament in February at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, is one of the 17 Tsunami Saipan swimmers who qualified for the Guam competition later this month.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

**S**eventeen Tsunami Saipan swimmers qualified for the 2011 Guam Championships that will be held later this month in Hagatna.

The list includes Kai Staal, Kensuke Kimura, Kaisei, Ko-sei, and Ryosei Toda, Kaito, Ryuto, and Hiroto Yanai, Angel Tan, Angel de Jesus, Thomas and Marvin Lee, Takumi Sugie, Yuuki Nishida, Lukas Kang, Miku Tammy, and Jung In Kim.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said that in the Guam tournament only swimmers who posted BB times in previous competitions are allowed to join the May 27 and 28 races.

The Tsunami Saipan coach

added that of the 17, two—Staal and Kim—will not be able to make the Guam trip due to their school commitments.

With Staal out, the club will be pinning its hopes on Kensuke Kimura, Kaito and Ryuto Yanai, Tan, and Kang.

“Our target is to have more than 10 CNMI age group records. Angel Tan and Lukas are expected to deliver the most records. They will be able to mark at least four records each. Kaito, Ryuto, and Kensuke can make a few,” the

See **Tsunami** on Page 42

### Little League games will continue

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER

Games in the Saipan Little League Baseball will not be disrupted despite the program's current leadership controversy.

Annie Flores, who was elected president by the Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. board, said her main concern now is the remaining games in the competition to finish the 2011 season. She added she will also oversee the selection of the All-Star teams of the Majors, Juniors, Seniors, and Big League for this month's CNMI District Tournament in Rota and the preparation of documents needed for the competition.

When all these are done, that's the time she will focus on other matters about the SLLBI, like the tug-of-war in the presidency of the group. She said there is a proper time to address this matter.

Tony Rogolifo, who was elected president during a general membership meeting, also decline to further comment on

the leadership issue, saying that “the playoffs are in full swing and we don't want any disruptions so I will reserve my comments until later.”

The Majors division is still finalizing its playoff cast, while the Junior League will have its championship game tomorrow. The Big and Senior leagues will start their playoff matches next week.

The Junior League had already made its All-Star selection last Tuesday for the district meet, but names of the members of the team have yet to be announced. The three other divisions are expected to have their selections too in a few days. The district competition will run from May 28 to 30.

Meanwhile, several players competing in the Little League said they are not affected by the leadership issue, as all they want to do is play and help their teams' cause.

A team manager, who requested to have his name withheld, agreed with the players,

See **LITTLE** on Page 42

### Northern Stars outlast Ol'Aces in 11 innings, 10-6

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND  
walter\_sutherland@saipantribune.com  
REPORTER



The Natibu Northern Stars finished out their Saipan

Little League Big Division season with a 10-6 win over the Docomo Ol'Aces in a three and a half hour, 11-inning, marathon match last Wednesday at the Francisco “Tan Ko” Palacios Ballfield.

In other games, the Island Apparel-Kagman Mobil Station Hustlers fended off a late six-run rally by the Speaker Eli D. Cabrera-Rep. Fred DL-Guerrero-Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions in Wednesday's curtain raiser, 10-9; while the Major Division's Juan S. Tenorio Jets shut down the Natibu Tanapag Braves, 12-0, in four innings at the Miguel “Tan Ge” Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Northern Stars face the Hustlers after the Junior doubleheader at 3pm on Saturday, while IT&E Fielders square off against the Docomo Ol'Aces at 6pm on Monday.

See **NORTHERN** on Page 42



Juan S. Tenorio-Santiago Jets players congratulate teammate Nathan Camacho after hammering a grand slam in last Wednesday's Major League game against the Natibu Tanapag Braves at the Miguel “Tan Ge” Pangelinan Ballfield.

WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

### A decade after his US debut Pacquiao a sensation

**L**AS VEGAS (AP)—It was 10 years ago this summer and Oscar De La Hoya was the big attraction, as he often was on Saturday nights in this gambling town. Many of the high-rollers who came to watch De La Hoya fight Javier Castillejo hadn't even made their way to their \$1,000 ring-side seats at the MGM Grand hotel when a 121-pounder from the Philippines made his U.S. debut.

Manny Pacquiao had taken the fight on two weeks' notice. His

chances of beating rising star Lehlohonolo Ledwaba were considered so slim that oddsmakers refused to even put a line up on it.

Pacquiao would give Ledwaba such a beating that the fight didn't last six rounds. Then he was gone, leaving the arena like the other undercard fighters to clear the way for the main event.

Those who watched that night saw promise, sure. But no one in the arena would have believed what was to come.

See **PACQUIAO** on Page 42

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Columnist

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at [tdahlberg@ap.org](mailto:tdahlberg@ap.org) or at <http://twitter.com/TimDahlberg>

